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Heavy snow fell in the centre of Tel Aviv recently, but it fell off a truck that transported this mini-iceberg from the slopes of Mount Hermon in Israel's far north. The Tel Aviv snowfall was a publicity stunt to advertize skiing at Mount Hermon. Meanwhile, Israeli snowbirds and those from abroad crowded the sun-drenched beaches of Eilat in Israel's deep south, getting as far as possible from any hint of snow. Eilat's popularity is reaching new heights, with several hotels slated to open this summer to meet the needs of sun-worshipping travellers. [IPPA photos]

...WHILE SNOWBIRDS SIZZLE

Israeli move will aid Palestinians

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

There are signs that Israel is considering humanitarian gestures towards the Palestinians in advance of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's arrival next week. Besides improving the political atmosphere, such steps could have the effect of coaxing the Palestinians back to the Middle East peace table.

"There are no discussions yet," a senior defence ministry official said on Sunday night, when asked about possible gestures in advance of Christopher's arrival. "We have not decided. It is too soon, but it is possible. We shall see."

The cabinet announced Sunday that it intended to abolish two-thirds of the taxes all Palestinians pay to cross the Allenby Bridge to Jordan. Cabinet-level officials say the tax is supposed to be reduced by March 1. Since the Madrid peace talks convened in October 1991, senior U.S. officials have privately called on Israel to cancel the tax.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office insisted that reducing the tax was not a confidence building measure, but rather a parallel step to the January 1 lifting of the travel tax that Israelis had paid since the early 1980s.

Another likely Israeli gesture could be the release of Palestinian prisoners. The advent of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan coincides with Christopher's visit to Israel, and every year Israel releases some Palestinian prisoners in advance of the Muslim observance. Should the release be of particularly significant proportions, Israel could say it is due to Ramadan, while making a gesture to Christopher.

Israeli officials do not want it to appear that they are making gestures to the Palestinians, since they maintain that the Palestinians have the most to gain from the resumption of the peace talks. But they do not want to be accused by the United States of making Christopher's trip to the Middle East any more difficult than it is.

Christopher seeks to restart Middle East peace talks no later than April, Israeli officials say. Negotiations failed to resume after Israel expelled over 400 Hamas militants.

Israeli officials believe that the Palestinians are seeking to exchange their opposition to resuming talks for an assurance from Christopher that he will extract concessions from Israel on issues related to interim self-rule.

In the cabinet on Sunday Rabin repeatedly praised the United States for keeping its part of the compromise on the deportees and ensuring that the Security Council will drop the idea of sanctions.

The premier also singled out other countries for their help in ensuring that the Security Council took the stance it did.

Cabinet-level sources said Rabin noted the contribution of Russia, Britain, Spain and Venezuela, as well as a positive statement by France's President Francois Mitterrand on moving ahead with the peace talks. Apparently, Rabin refrained from thanking Morocco for fear that it would embarrass the country's monarch, King Hassan.

McDonald's in Israel juggles a hot potato

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

McDonald's, the quintessential North American fast food icon, is running into controversy over its famous french fried potatoes.

A disagreement on the importation of the potatoes to be used in the restaurants is scheduled to be resolved shortly in a meeting between the Israeli McDonald's franchiser, the agriculture ministry and the trade & industry ministry.

The problem, according to Omri Padan, the firm's appointed franchisee for Israel, is that the specific strain of potato used by McDonald's is not grown here.

"Israeli growers have known that McDonald's would be coming to Israel, and because McDonald's uses a specific strain of potato which is not grown here, we will have to import frozen potatoes," he said.

In addition, due to the exacting style of cutting, these potatoes will also have to come pre-cut, because the facilities for processing according to McDonald's needs do not yet exist here, Padan said.

However, the agriculture ministry, in charge of all decisions regarding importation of agricultural goods, has rejected Padan's request to import the potatoes.

"Under no circumstances will we allow these potatoes to be imported," said the ministry's spokeswoman. "These potatoes come in the category with all agricultural goods that already exist in Israel and therefore we rejected the request."

"In addition, in Europe the company uses a strain of potatoes that are also grown in Israel, so the argument that we do not have the proper strain of potato is untrue," the spokeswoman said.

Padan disagreed, saying that the multinational corporation has checked the potatoes here and found them unacceptable.

The trade and industry ministry is also involved in the decision, because McDonald's will create hundreds of jobs and bring millions in investments.

"The first store to be opened will employ about 150 people in part-time and full-time work, with the other restaurants having about 100 jobs," Padan said. "I expect that within the first few years we will open between 10 to 30 franchises, with the first one being in the Dan Region."

According to Padan, the trade and industry ministry is on his side. "We do not have official permission, but the ministry knows we cannot open, except with imported potatoes. And we fully expect to open our first restaurant in December 1993," he said.

The ministry's spokeswoman would not comment except to say that the problem will be resolved.

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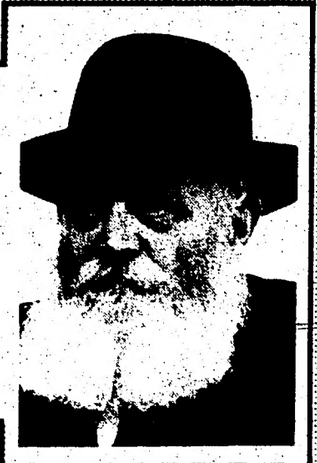

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Women urged to consider balancing lifestyle demands

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"If we don't take action, our children will be coming to workshops like this," said Rosie Parnass at a recent session on The Great Balancing Act: Family, Career and You.

Parnass, manager of counselling services at the University of Toronto's Career Centre, was speaking at one of about a dozen workshops at the two-day Jewish Women's Festival held at Baycrest Terrace under the auspices of the Jewish Women's Federation.

She urged women to establish and implement one specific, realistic goal that would help balance the conflicting demands of a busy lifestyle.

Julia Koschitzky

Parnass suggested writing an hour-by-hour log of a typical day. "If you're not getting enough time or any time for yourself, then that's probably where you need to look at creating more of a balance," she said.

In her own case, she decided to "reframe" her commuting time as "her" time. An extra-long kitchen phone cord also helps her balance her life, enabling her to catch up with phone calls as she prepares meals for her husband and two children.

Although housework is still construed as women's work, Parnass emphasized that it is valuable work, crucial to the entire family. "We need to educate our families, our spouses," she said.

"If I buy into the myth that only I can take my children shopping for clothes, they buy into it also."

Although learning to share a parenting or household task may seem like a small step, it is significant. "There were many, many rockets that went up before one landed on the moon," she said. "What we're trying to do is to build up small steps."

A possible first step for some women might be to have their family clear the table together. "This is everyone's house and we're all doing it. It's not, 'Let's help Mommy'," she explained. "It's not just *my* kitchen unless I've made it my kitchen."

It is often difficult for women to let go of household tasks, Parnass said, because "this is one domain where we have some power."

When other family members take over household tasks, they may not get done in the same way as before. "There's a way not to be critical," cautioned Parnass. "There's a way for them to learn." If a child puts a jar of jam back into the fridge without wiping it, she may realize the problem when she takes it out again and discovers how sticky it is.

Issues facing women today include "role overload" (too many roles to fill), guilt feelings, a dearth of role models, caregiving for elderly relatives, and a need for more and better day care.

Part-time work has its own issues, among them the superwoman syndrome on the part of those who feel that because they "only" work part-time, they have to take responsibility for all household and parenting duties on their days off.

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Celebrating Volunteers: Women of Excellence was the theme of the festival's first-day luncheon. Keynote speaker Julia Koschitzky, chair, Keren Hayesod, World Board of Trustees, lauded all volunteers, because "to single out just a few would be an injustice."

Koschitzky reflected on her own volunteer career and the fulfillment she would have missed had she "said no or found an excuse not to participate. In order to reach the centre of my Jewish being, I have to do," she explained.

"Jewish communities around the world cannot afford to exclude volunteers from their highest ranks," Koschitzky said, adding that "the joys of volunteering far outweigh the woes."

Jack Chisvin

Jack Chisvin, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (of which Jewish Women's Federation is a department), told the 150 women gathered for the event that he looks forward to the day when equality in community leadership is so pervasive that the notion of a Jewish women's federation will join the suffragette movement as a page in history.

Elaine Ziemba, Ontario Minister of Citizenship, echoed Chisvin's remarks, adding that we're heading in that direction, but we still have a long way to go.

JNF TELETHON

Hashomer Hatzair camper Evan Worgon (left), and counsellors Tovah Shoore and Chad Nolan volunteered at the Jewish National Fund's recent Tu b'Shevat telethon. Tree sales from the event increased 40 percent over last year.

Talk to children as Jews, parents told

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Don't be afraid of letting your kids know where you stand, Susan Jackson advises parents of university-age children.

"I get notes from parents who tell me they're so against dating out, but have never said it to their children," she said recently at a workshop on Those University Years: Keeping Our Kids Connected.

The workshop was part of the Jewish Women's Festival sponsored by Jewish Women's Federation.

"We're willing to say, 'Wear a condom,' but we've lost the ability to talk to our children as Jews. If you can talk about AIDS, why can't you talk about intermarriage and interdating?" she demanded.

"Tell them, 'No, this is not okay.' What is this fear we have of telling our children what we believe is right and wrong?" She reminded her audience of the difference between talking and haranguing or yelling.

University isn't too late to get through to your children, Jackson believes, but it's better to begin early. She warned of the mixed messages well-meaning parents send when they drop off their children at synagogue for junior congregation, teaching that "when you're Mommy and Daddy's age, you don't have to go."

You never know what will be meaningful to a young person, so you give them as many "tools" as possible. Jewish education and a traditional Friday night atmosphere are two of the tools Jackson mentioned. Ritual creates a warm feeling; it doesn't matter why you light candles, what counts is that you light them together with your kids.

"Why do Jewish kids intermarry?" Jackson asked. "Opportunity is half the game. If you haven't given them the reasons to be Jewish, it's very easy."

The role of parents, she believes, is to be there for support, to remind their children who they are, and to be open and honest with them.

Women's organizational roles assessed

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO —

Women are playing a more prominent role in Jewish community life than they did 20 years ago, but there is still a definite pattern of bias by the male establishment, according to professor of Jewish studies and author Deborah Lipstadt.

When it comes to women working as either paid professionals or volunteers in Jewish organizations, "there is still an ingrained pattern of resistance, an old boy's network, where men recommend other men to top jobs and women don't make it into the loop.

"It's antiquated and wrong to still see only one or two women sprinkled in at a meeting of top community leaders," Lipstadt told women at the first-ever Jewish Women's Festival, organized by the Jewish Women's Federation.

Lipstadt is professor of Modern Jewish Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She has lectured widely on Jewish issues, and serves as a consultant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Her book, *Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory*, is to be published in the fall.

Lipstadt says women's access to the upper echelons of Jewish communal organizations has improved in the United States and Canada. For instance, in 1986, 20 percent of presidents of Jewish organizations were women, compared to only 6.2 percent in 1975.

However, she says women are still underrepresented in the powerful financial and endowment committees, which decide where the money goes.

And when it comes to the salaries of professionals in Jewish organizations, "there is no such thing as equal pay for equal work. Women get paid less. It's the old stereotype, that you can pay a woman less because she's not the primary breadwinner, or because she's single and doesn't need it, etc."

Lipstadt also spoke of an "occupational ghetto" for women employed in a professional capacity in Jewish community organizations.

"Women tend to be grouped in human service areas — care for the elderly, family needs — areas that certainly are not less important, but that are treated as such, and carry less prestige.

"The reality is that in professional Jewish organizations, reputations are built in the international arena — for instance, dealing with relations with Israel, Soviet Jewry, the fight against anti-Semitism."

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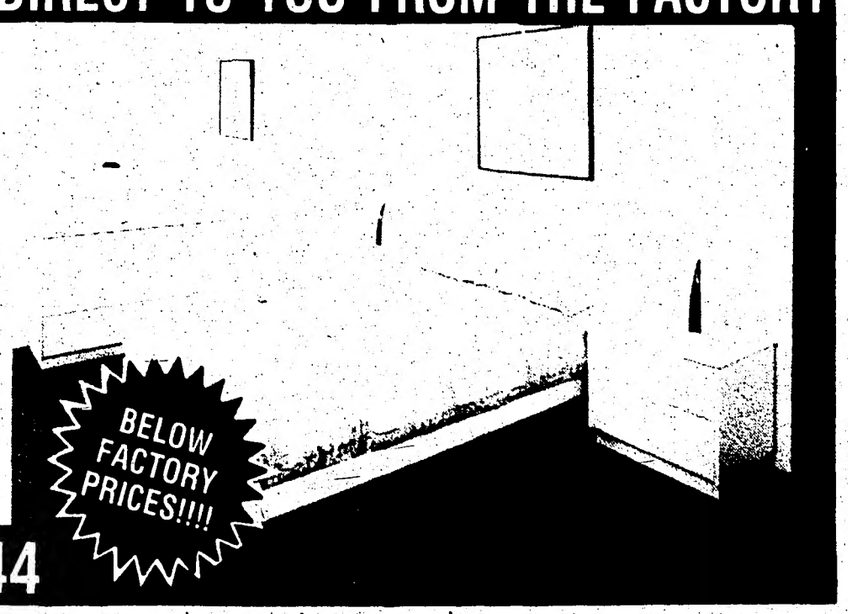

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Pollard said in good spirits; hopes sentence commuted

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Canadian visitors to imprisoned Jonathan Pollard found him healthy and in good spirits for a man who has spent eight years of a life sentence for passing U.S. secrets to Israel.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko, chair of the executive of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Quebec region, and Thomas Hecht, chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region, spent three hours with Pollard at the Marion Federal Penitentiary in Illinois, where Pollard is in solitary confinement under maximum security.

The former U.S. Navy analyst told Rabbi Poupko and Hecht he spends 23 out of 24 hours in his cell, is allowed seven social telephone calls a week and four visitors a month. He spends the rest of his time mainly reading, especially the Jewish press (he subscribes to 60 Jewish periodicals).

"He is remarkably well-informed on Jewish affairs," said Hecht. "He is obviously a man of exceptional IQ," Rabbi Poupko said.

Hecht and Rabbi Poupko were Pollard's first visitors officially representing Canadian Jewish organizations. CJC is on record as calling for a commutation of Pollard's sentence. President Irving Abella stated a life sentence is "grossly disproportionate" to those meted out to others convicted of espionage against the United States.

A naval intelligence officer from Washington sat in on their entire time with Pollard. They said it took three months to obtain approval of the visit.

The visit was made now in part because of the new U.S. administration. "Bill Clinton promised to review the [Pollard] case during the campaign," Rabbi Poupko said.

Pollard talked animatedly about his case and hopes for a commutation, dreaming of a release that would allow him to go to Israel with his father and work on a project to bolster that country's energy self-sufficiency.

Pollard harbors no bitterness towards Israel, Hecht noted, even though the state washed its hands of him after his conviction. He also remains a very patriotic American. "He spoke with a vigor about serving one's country reminiscent of Ronald Reagan," Rabbi Poupko added.

He does feel abandoned by the American Jewish leadership, but is heartened that the "grassroots", as well as rabbinical associations, have rallied behind him. He receives hundreds of letters a week, mostly from young people.

Double standard alleged

"Pollard admits he did wrong...His message to young people is 'don't mythologize me. I'm not a hero.' But, he does think he has been the victim of a lack of justice and a double standard."

Pollard told his visitors he made a mistake in judgment, his actions motivated by a fear that Israel's security was threatened. "As a young man, his parents took him to the concentration camps. What he envisioned, reminded him of the Holocaust," Hecht said, adding, "He's not smooth or slick in any way. If anything, he's a bit naive. He wears everything on his sleeve."

He is not seeking a pardon because he feels that would imply his crime was far greater, Hecht said. Pollard thinks 10 years would have been a fair sentence. With good behavior, he would therefore be paroled by now, he reasons. Moreover, Pollard was never charged with treason, they said.

Hecht is convinced Pollard was a victim of a political vendetta orchestrated by former Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Pollard pleaded guilty in exchange for a plea bargaining deal which he thought would give him less than life.

CJC thinks it is ironic that Weinberger, the person responsible for undoing this deal, has been pardoned in connection with the Iran-Contra affair, while Pollard languishes.

Rabbi Poupko and Hecht think Weinberger dealt harshly with Pollard because the former defence secretary had a bias against Israel. A harsh sentence for a spy for Israel would cast the Jewish state as being in the same camp as the enemies of America, Hecht said.

Pollard has apparently become more religious in prison. He was wearing a kippa during the visit, and eats vegetarian after having difficulty in obtaining kosher food.

"He was obviously eager for human contact," said Rabbi Poupko, who described the visit as primarily a "mission of mercy, a mitzvah."

Pollard expressed the hope Rabbi Poupko and Hecht could rally support for this case in Canada, both within the Jewish community and the government.

Pollard would like to see a "blue-ribbon" committee of Canadian Jewry obtain an audience with President Bill Clinton to lobby for a commutation.

Rabbi Poupko and Hecht are now considering some sort of Canadian mission to Washington.

Russian family seeks relatives who settled in Western Canada

By BEN ROSE

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. —

A Russian Jew and his family seeking admission to Canada as immigrants are looking for relatives believed to have settled in western Canada in the late 1920s.

Gueorgi Skmirtladze, 43, his wife, Tamara, and two children, a daughter Olga, 17, and a son Irakle, 11, decamped from a Russian Aeroflot plane here in October.

"We escaped from Russia because the Russian nationalists in Moscow were giving us so much trouble," Skmirtladze told *The CJN*.

He said the New Canadian Association in St. John's has been very helpful, providing food and an apartment.

The relatives he is seeking are cousins of his mother, two sisters, Iahna and Shifza Altschuler, and a brother, Boris Altschuler. They settled in Calgary or Vancouver between 1926 and 1929 and all would be in their 80s.

Skmirtladze has already sent letters to 16 Altschuler families in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver and Halifax, and Susan Altschuler of Montreal replied, suggesting he ask *The CJN* to publish his appeal.

He is a physicist specializing in experimental meteorology and spent nearly five years in Havana, Cuba, with the Institute of Meteorology, tracking hurricanes in aircraft.

While he awaits an immigration hearing in March, Skmirtladze is seeking work in his field at Memorial University in St. John's. His future plans are indefinite.

In Russia the Altschuler relatives thought to live in Canada lived in the town of Klintzi. Their younger sister remained in Russsia. The father's name was Mendel Altschuler. He had a younger brother, Solomon, who died in 1924-25 in Russia. Solomon's widow, Sofia, lived in Leningrad with daugher Hannah and son Michael. She corresponded with Canadian relatives until the 1960s, but then the correspondence was broken, because of repressions in the USSR, and no address remained.

Anyone with information should contact Gueorgi Skmirtladze, 81 Carter's Hill, St. John's, Nfld, A1C 4C1, phone (709) 726-6770.

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It's a happy ending for Olga Pantchevska. The 38-year-old Russian Jew who was driven from Moscow by anti-Semitism has been granted landed immigrant status in Canada and the chances are good that her husband, Goran, and their two sons, Mark, 5, and Jorgi, 8, already in Toronto, will be admitted as refugees as well.

Her case gained national attention when co-counsel Mendel Green charged that one particular immigration panel in Toronto was biased against Jews from the former Soviet Union because it was citing the Law of Return in Israel as a reason for denying them refugee status in Canada. (*CJN Jan. 7.*

Though the two panel members hearing the Pantchevska case denied any bias, *The CJN* has learned that all immigration cases concerning Russian Jews have been transferred from 70 University Ave. (Toronto 1) to One Front Street West (Toronto 2).

"This will certainly lead to a more balanced view of the Russian Jewish cases," said Green.

The Toronto lawyer, who volunteered his time on the Pantchevska case, said there is little doubt that now the family will be reunited and allowed to stay in Canada. Her husband and sons decamped at Gander, Newfoundland, from a flight bound for Cuba from Bulgaria late last year, while she has been in Canada since 1991.

Correction

In our front page story February 11 under the headline Youth group distances itself from Richler, the last paragraph, attributed to CJC Quebec region executive director Michael Crelinsten, read:

CJC, he said, does not share Richler's concern for the community's future in Quebec...

It should have read:

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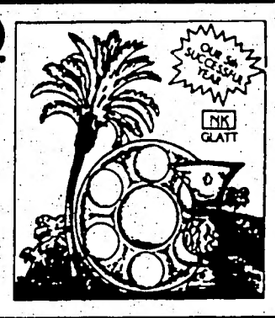

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Haifa U professor praises Canada's multicultural model

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

In Israel, Canada is increasingly being seen as a model for multiculturalism that works, with Canadian literature the tool bringing out the parallels and contrasts, says a visiting Haifa University professor.

Danielle Schaub, a teacher of English-language literature at Haifa University's Oranim campus, noted that Israel is one of only eight countries sending academics across Canada to give a foreigner's view of Canadian literature before various groups.

The trips are part of a special foreign speakers program sponsored by the International Council for Canadian Studies and financed by Canada's Department of External Affairs.

Schaub is a member of the council's Israeli branch. The Canadian arm, the Association for Canadian Studies, is administering the trip.

According to Schaub, who taught literature extensively in Belgium before going on aliyah with her family, Canadian literature is a continuing source of fascination at foreign universities, including Israel. Its image is a far cry from the one Canadians have of themselves as dull or non-descript.

"Why do Canadian think of themselves as dull?," Schaub wondered aloud. "Maybe it's because they are too close to themselves. Israelis have no preconceived notions [about Canadians]."

Schaub added that Canadians often don't realize they are proud of their identity until they travel abroad. In foreign countries, Canadians have earned an abiding reputation for civility and friendliness, while their American cousins are often perceived as boors.

When Schaub taught in Belgium, students and researchers found a common thread with Canada: the fear of being dominated by a next door neighbor.

In Israel, by comparison, there is the shared experience of striving to make a multicultural society work, of adapting to linguistic realities, of British-based legal systems, and of concerns over minorities, whether Palestinian or French-Canadian.

In addition, most of Canadian literature, and all of Israeli literature, is contemporary, a product of the 20th century, which gives readers a good look at a sensibility that has not really changed.

Canada and Israel have immigrants coming from so many countries (Schaub herself was born in Borneo and speaks six languages), that she believes "there is no such thing as an Israeli [or Canadian]. Everybody still has and keeps their own background."

And in Canadian literature, Schaub said Israelis have discovered variety and a freshness revealed through the Canadian mosaic.

Despite her many years of study, Schaub's first visit to Canada did not take place until the fall of 1991, while researching a doctoral thesis on her favorite author, Mavis Gallant.

Those readings, Schaub confessed, had left her with her own preconceived notions about Canada. But after arriving Schaub realized, "all of a sudden, that there were not just French-Canadians, or English-Canadians, but a variety of Canadians — ethnic Canadians."

In her survey course of English-language literature at Haifa U., Schaub's Canadian focus has been on the short story and on the woman writer, among them Gallant, Alice Munro, and the "Margarets" — Atwood and Laurence. In November, a "faculty enrichment" award will allow Schaub to launch Haifa U's first Canadian literature course, one that will also include studies of Jewish authors like Mordecai Richler and A.M. Klein.

Schaub noted that Israel's only comprehensive program in Canadian studies is located at Hebrew University, which also serves as the home base for the Israeli Association for Canadian Studies.

In Montreal, Schaub spoke to students at Dawson and Vanier colleges, and stopped in Ottawa, Toronto, Guelph, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria.

Because of its European flair, Montreal is her favorite Canadian city, but she said she has not yet had a chance to visit the Maritime provinces.

She will do that, she promised, on her next trip.

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Former Russian Navy officer wins right to a new trial

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A former officer of the Russian Navy once accused of a plot to hijack a Russian submarine and deliver it to Israel has won the right to a new trial on other charges.

Simon Livshits, 33, is still languishing in the Vladivostok jail where he has been held for 16 months on charges of rape and robbery.

A Moscow newspaper previously carried a story that he was to be charged with trying to hijack a submarine for the Mossad, but the KGB dropped the accusation.

Livshits was sentenced to 10 years in prison for the crimes by a military court but the Russian Supreme Court on appeal ordered a new trial, scheduled to begin in February.

"Our fear is that the prosecution is the result of his decision to emigrate to Israel," said Genya Intrator, head of the Soviet Jewry committee at Beth Tzedec Congregation which is mobilizing support for Livshits.

"This follows the pattern of hundreds of other cases when people have decided to go to Israel. The authorities cannot admit that anyone who reaches the rank of a major, as Livshits did, would want to leave Russia for Israel."

One of the odd features of the case is that Livshits was arrested in his parents' home in Vitensk, Byelorussia, thousands of miles away from where the alleged crimes took place in Vladivostok. Since that time, Byelorussia has become an independent republic.

When he was arrested, Livshits' parents, Vladilen and Eva, and his sister, Janna, were packing for Israel. They are now living in Kiriat Shmona in northern Israel. Simon is anxious to join them.

Livshits denies he is guilty of robbing 11 prostitutes and raping eight of them. He contends that a former fellow officer, Alexander Spichka, a non-Jewish nuclear submarine captain, was pressured into naming him falsely.

When the Russian Supreme Court ordered a new trial, it had evidence collected by Intrator that military court rules had been violated, that witnesses had been intimidated and that evidence of Livshits' alibi, backed by a witness, was suppressed.

An uncle, Lev Livshits of Australia, has written the Beth Tzedec Congregation asking for help. He said his nephew, a fit sportsman, has been jailed under such terrible conditions that his eyesight is failing, he has lost almost all his teeth, and he has developed heart disease.

Thousands of Torontonians have signed a petition circulated by Herb Landis to release Livshits from jail pending his new trial.

His parents in Israel had been working at two jobs to raise money for their son's defence and to finance a trip to the appeal hearing by sister Janna. Unfortunately, the father lost both his jobs recently. Janna reported on her return that Simon is suffering grievously from malnutrition.

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I promised my good friends, Seymour Krinsky and his charming wife Dorothy (nee Shaffner) to research the origin and meaning of their respective surnames.

Seymour's forebears were from the Ukraine which explains the surname Krinsky — a person who cultivates flowers in Ukrainian.

Schaffner is the German word for manager and aptly describes Dorothy, who is a good housekeeper.

American foreign policy based on self-interest: Weiss

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Regardless of who is in the White House, American foreign policy in most cases is based on self-interest, American activist Rabbi Avi Weiss told a group of York University students in a packed classroom during their recent Israel Festival.

The rabbi hopes that the Clinton administration will be different, although he expressed certainty only about the change in what he calls Clinton's "body language" compared to that of his predecessor. "Clinton won't raise the canard of dual loyalty," he said.

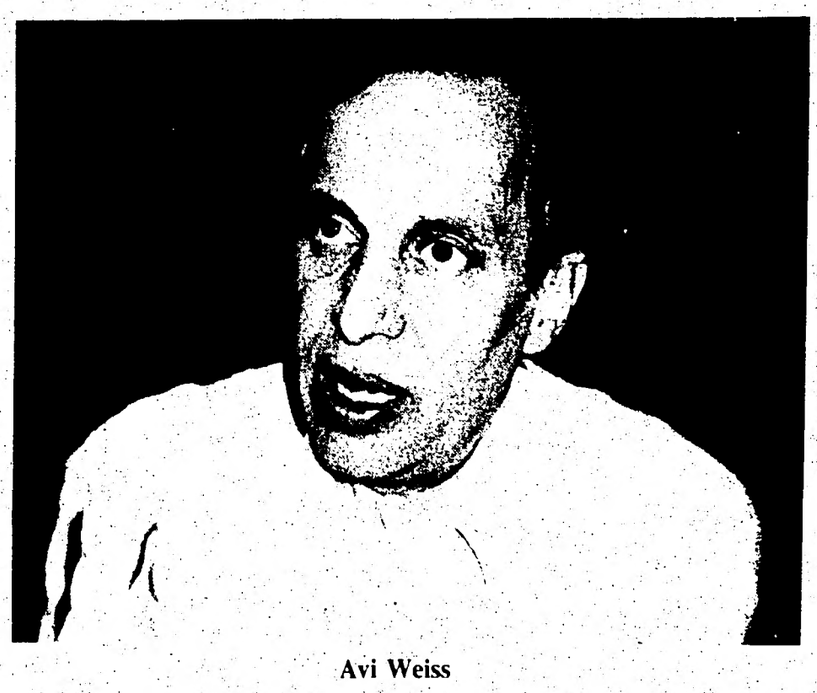
Rabbi Weiss expressed alarm that "Syria has become America's great friend." The rabbi denounced Syria for having held its Jewish population hostage until recently and for harboring Nazis and accused it of "being the drug centre of the international community.

"America militarily built up Iraq and then it was forced to destroy that which it built up when Iraq turned against America. Today the Americans are building up Syria, and Syria will turn against America. The only country that has stayed fast in its loyalty to America is Israel."

Rabbi Weiss lamented the "terrible political public relations bath" that Israel has taken in the wake of its deportation of 415 "Hamasniks." The issue of the deportation, especially without benefit of a trial, is "difficult for people in the West to understand," he said. "In the West, citizens are never deported."

Imprisonment doesn't work as a deterrent because, he claimed, a life sentence in Israel can mean as little as a year in jail, with the incarceration ending in a prisoner exchange. Beyond imprisonment is capital punishment, said Rabbi Weiss, but Israel doesn't consider that humane.

The deportations — which he said should more correctly be termed temporary expulsions — were based on a British law giving the military the right to temporarily expel anyone deemed to be a threat to the peace of society, the rabbi explained. "Israel is at war with Hamas. The ethics of war are not the ethics of peace."



Avi Weiss

Weiss was unequivocal in his denunciation of Hamas. Having seen recent Hamas pamphlets in Israel, he said they "view every Jew as a target to be killed.

"You worry about Nazis here?" he asked. "Don't be so worried," he said quietly. "You know who's here? Hamas."

Rabbi Weiss predicted a rise in terrorism in the West if Hamas doesn't get what it wants from the United States and Canada.

Hamas is also a threat to moderate Arab governments, the rabbi said. "You have to argue to Arab students that Hamas is out to get them as well if they have any modicum of being moderate and wanting to live in peace," he exhorted the JSF students. "You think Hamas only murders Jews? They murder Arabs as well," he shouted. Hamas has murdered 1,000 of its own since the intifida started, he said.

(Official Israel Defence Force figures put the number of Palestinians killed by other Palestinians, including those not associated with Hamas, at under 900 during the five-year uprising.)

"Our job is not to come grovelling to the prime minister or the president to help Israel. Our job is to tell them that helping Israel is not only good for Israel but good for the West," Rabbi Weiss said. He urged students to blitz government officials with the message that the Jewish state is important. The worst thing you can do is shrug your shoulders, he said.

The rabbi made an impassioned plea for the students to support Israel physically. "Visit Israel as often as you can, and volunteer. Serve a month or two in the army. Think about living in Israel. Don't make the mistake I made in not going when I was younger. When our children ask us where we were when Israel was on the line, let's bless each other that we have what to say."

JFGT refutes complaint

TORONTO —

In the course of his speech at York University's Israel Festival, Rabbi Avi Weiss charged that the reason the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto had refused to pay to bring him from New York to speak was because it believes him to be "anti-black."

But federation officials deny that accusation. "We don't have anything against Avi Weiss," Allan Reitzes, executive director of JFGT, told *The CJN*. The consensus among federation professionals who had discussed the matter seemed to be that "Israeli personalities" might be more appropriate for an Israel festival.

The federation sponsored a speech by Dror Zeigerman, Israel's consul-general.

Last fall, following the acquittal of a black teenager in the murder of Yankel Rosenbaum during the August 1991 riots in the Crown Heights district of Brooklyn, Rabbi Weiss publicly lambasted New York City's black mayor, David Dinkins, for not taking a harder line against the verdict. (The trial, and the police handling of the riots, are now the subject of a New York State inquiry.)

Rabbi Weiss led the sole protest at Dinkins' inauguration following his 1989 election victory.

Rabbi Weiss waived his usual honorarium (which goes to Amcha — The Coalition for Jewish Concerns, a North American activist organization of which he is founder and president) for the York University talk. The university's Jewish Student Federation paid from its discretionary funds for his expenses only.

— F.K.

Holocaust survivors registry set

MONTREAL —

Jews who survived the Holocaust can now have their names and stories added to a registry which is now available at the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre.

The *National Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors* is a data base and book currently listing 75,000 Holocaust survivors and their families living in the United States and Canada. A second edition of this book is being prepared. The publisher's major objective is to locate and list the thousands of others whose names are missing and should be included. The *National Registry* is not a record of those who perished in the Holocaust, but rather a directory of those who survived and rebuilt their shattered lives.

The *National Registry* is published by the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, based in New York, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington, D.C. The new edition will be distributed to museums worldwide, major public libraries throughout the United States and Canada, Jewish community centres and Holocaust remembrance institutions.

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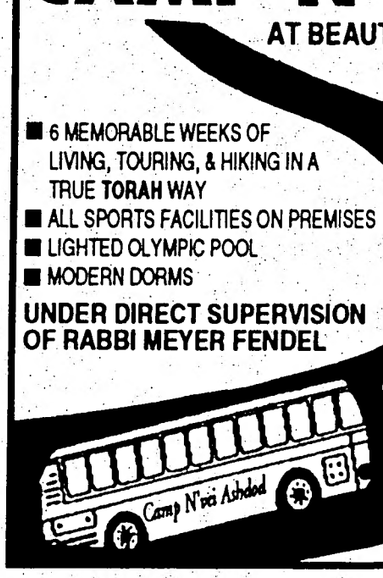

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Canadian messianic Jew may have to leave Israel

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A Canadian, among three messianic Jewish families to be expelled from Israel for believing in Jesus, has been granted a reprieve until March 30, by which time he must prove his Jewishness.

Sidney Speakman, a 48-year-old building inspector in Haifa, and his wife, Linda, 44, have been told to unearth documents that might show Sidney Speakman is a Jew according to Israel's Law of Return.

A Toronto native who was raised in Vancouver, Sidney Speakman has always considered himself a Jew, but one who believes that Jesus is the messiah, Linda Speakman told *The CJN* in a telephone interview Monday.

Earlier this month, Israel's interior ministry, backed by the Supreme Court, ordered the expulsion of the Speakmans and two other messianic Jewish families because they believe in Jesus and the New Testament, thus disqualifying them for citizenship under the Law of Return.

The 1950 law grants automatic Israeli citizenship to born Jews, grandchildren of Jews and those who have converted according to halachic standards, upon their immigration to the country.

The ministry has always maintained the families are Christians and denied them permanent residence.

But although his wife can prove both her parents are Jews, Sidney Speakman has a more difficult task. His father was a Jew but his mother was Christian and according to Jewish law, Jewish descent is passed through the mother.

Now, authorities say Speakman must find documents, including the ketubah (Jewish marriage contract) of his mother's parents, in order to prove that his maternal lineage is Jewish. The Law of Return's jurisdiction can extend to grandchildren of Jews.

But it isn't clear if the documents would help the Speakmans' plight because compounding the problem is the fact that both Sidney and Linda accept Jesus as the messiah.

The other two messianic families, the Kendels, originally from the United States and the Beresfords, who came from Zimbabwe, have until Feb. 21 to leave Israel.

The Kendels are packed up and will leave willingly, Linda Speakman said, adding she does not know what's happening with the Beresfords.

The Speakmans arrived in Israel in 1988 and applied for immigrant status under the Law of Return. In March, 1989, they were told their tourist visas would not be renewed and that they would have to leave the country.

In June, 1989, they petitioned the high court and in May, 1991, the interior ministry decided that their daughter, now 16, could be granted citizenship if her parents surrender custody of her, which they have refused to do.

Last September, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the ministry. It said that the families' faith "is such that it is incompatible with the concept of Judaism expressed in the Law of Return [and that] they cannot be considered as Jews under that law."

In the meantime, the Speakmans are living in a sort of limbo, Linda said.

Because they have no citizenship and no tourist visas, they cannot work or have bank accounts, she said. Their daughter is staying with Linda's parents in Nevada.

"We're law-abiding people. We came to Israel because we thought it was the only safe place in the world for Jews.

"We don't believe Jewish blood is changed by philosophy."

There are roughly 3,000 messianic Jews in Israel, Linda pointed out. Many are Sabras (natives) who cannot be expelled, and many are recent Russian immigrants.

The court's ruling, she said, has paved the way for further expulsions of messianic Jews.

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Lewis denies war crimes cutbacks

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Canadian Jewish Congress has received assurances that reports of a cutback in the war crimes section of the RCMP are unfounded.

Federal Solicitor General Doug Lewis recently told Jack Silverstone, Congress' national executive director, that there wouldn't be a cutback in personnel or finances.

The question of adequate resources surfaced recently in an Ottawa television report. "Once it ran, we felt we had to get clarification," Silverstone said.

"The Minister was very categorical that there wouldn't be a cutback."

In a telephone discussion with Silverstone, Lewis reaffirmed his personal commitment to ensuring the RCMP's war crimes section would continue to receive sufficient financial support.

"We are gratified by the swift response from the solicitor general," Silverstone said. "Lewis' appreciation of the importance of this issue and his sensitivity to our concerns on this matter is most appreciated."

Correction

In last week's interview with B'nai Brith president Gabe Nachman, reference was made to B'nai Brith's support of BBYO. Nachman's quote should have read: "Although we aren't registered as the sponsor of BBYO as in the past, until recently they were in our [Toronto] building. (The youth organization has moved to the JCC.) We paid many of their expenses, and we continue to administer their employee benefit package. (B'nai Brith does not pay salaries to BBYO employees nor do they pay employee benefits.)"

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Top Jewish legalists gather to discuss jurisprudence issues

JERUSALEM —

Over 300 lawyers from 20 countries gathered here recently for the ninth congress of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, and passed several resolutions ranging from the peace process to Jonathan Pollard.

Held every three years, the congresses bring together the world's top Jewish legalists to discuss current issues and problems of jurisprudence.

Toronto lawyer Bert Raphael, president of the association's Canadian section, headed Canada's delegation, which included Prof. Irwin Cotler, David Matas, Lloyd Cadsby, Bernie Kaufman and Henry Ritchie.

Resolutions were passed on:

• the peace process. The lawyers expressed their "strong" support for the current peace talks and for interim self-government for Palestinians in the territories.

• international terrorism. Participants called on concerned states to outlaw terrorist groups and hold nations responsible for encouraging terrorism.

• The 415 deportees. The lawyers called for support for the rule of law and for Israel's recent Surpeme Court decision upholding the December explusion of the Muslim fundamentalists.

• Magen David Adom. Delegates called on the International Red Cross to admit Magen David Adom, alongside other humanitarian groups like the Red Crescent, which functions in Muslim countries.

• Terrorism against Israelis. Participants called on the leaders of both the PLO and Hamas to stop all violence and terror against Israeli citizens and to repeal from their charters sections calling for the destruction of Israel.

• Nazi war crimes. Lawyers deplored delays in prosecutions and urged states which have stopped them to restarts efforts in light of new evidence from eastern Europe.

• Raoul Wallenberg. Delegates called on Russia to come clean on the fate of the Swedish war hero, taken into custody by the Soviets in 1945.

• The Arab boycott. Lawyers called for an end to compliance with the 45-year-old economic boycott of Israel.

• Jonathan Pollard. Delegates called on U.S. President Bill Clinton to commute the former navy spy's sentence to time already served.

Israel accepts Muslim refugees from Bosnia

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel has agreed to accept 101 Muslim refugees from war-torn Bosnia and settle them temporarily in two Israeli Arab villages until the fighting subsides in their own country.

The suggestion to allow Bosnian Muslim refugees entry into Israel was first raised some six months ago by Knesset member Yossi Sarid, now minister of the environment, during a visit to Zagreb.

Various Arab Israeli groups, including members of the Arab Israeli Islamic movement, have also backed the idea.

Last week, the Council of Mayors of Arab towns and Villages received approval for the plan from the government.

A delegation of the Council of Arab Mayors is to go to Zagreb and escort the refugees back to Israel.

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A spokesman for the Bosnian authorities welcomed the move, but stressed that the Bosnia-Herzegovina government did want to encourage emigration.

"We welcome anybody trying to help our refugees, but are certain that the refugees themselves will return home to Bosnia as soon as the situation quiets down," the spokesman said.

Some Israeli Arab leaders are pushing the government to accept more refugees, asking that at least 1,000 Bosnians be allowed entry.

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Documentary on Jews provides unique experience

By ARI KATZAV

TORONTO —

A passion for life. These four words aptly describe the Jewish people. But for Lili Fournier, they were the basis for a documentary that is both moving and uplifting, but whose filming of it tested to the ultimate her perseverance and dedication.

Fournier was deeply moved by the story of the expulsion of Jews from Spain 500 years ago, which was commemorated throughout the world last year, and in the fall of 1991, decided to make a film on this historic event in Jewish history.

Easier said than done, as she was soon to find out. She was told that other people had already been working on certain aspects of the commemoration planned in Spain, which meant she would have to obtain the rights from them to film.

The three major events that Fournier felt was a must to film were the Universal Spiritual Gathering; the meeting of the king of Spain and President of Israel in the Madrid Synagogue; and the By My Spirit concert before the queen of Spain with maestro Zubin Mehta conducting the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and Spanish opera star Placido Domingo.

But there was more. Aside from the Universal Spiritual Gathering where people from all faiths from around the world would witness the lighting of the HaTikvah torch which would be then sent to other countries that had allowed Jews to enter, Fournier wanted the documentary to end in Israel at the concert at the Citadel of King David and the blowing of 200 shofars at the Western Wall.

Now that she had the idea, she needed a director and crew. Her choice was Simcha Jacobovici, whose celebrated film *Deadly Currents* had drawn rave revues. However, when he was contacted in Jerusalem, Jacobovici said that he had been working on a similar project on the "conversos," Jews who had converted many years before and were now rediscovering their Jewish roots. Many of these conversos lived in New Mexico.

"I said, fine, let's combine the concepts," Fournier said. Jacobovici agreed, but it was now up to Fournier to pull it all together. It would take three months of negotiations just to get the rights to film, but this gave Fournier time to raise funds to finance the project.

"I really wanted this project to go," Fournier told me as we sat in her Bloor Street office. "What fascinated me about the expulsion was that this was such a monumental event that there was a huge resurgence of faith in terms of mysticism and it revolutionized Judaism from that point on, when you think of some of the great names in Sephardic Judaism."

Funding, however, did not come easy and it wasn't until one week before the March 31 meeting of the king of Spain and President of Israel that there was enough money to bring everyone to Madrid. Fournier had also invited Dennis Duran, a converso from New Mexico to make the trip and retrace the footsteps of his ancestors who had fled the inquisition 500 years before.

On the day of the event, the synagogue was filled with by-invitation-only guests from around the world. As the limousines drew up to the building Jack Laredo, president of the synagogue, extended an invitation to Fournier to enter the synagogue. "It was an event," she says, "that I'll never forget. I cannot describe the excitement."

Following the ceremony the crew filmed a Canadian tour group from Beth Tikvah in Toronto, led by Rabbi Wayne Allen, who were taking part in the post ceremony presided over by the Chief Rabbi of France.

The crew then filmed President Herzog's tour of the two old synagogues in Toledo. Following this event, Fournier and crew were invited to fly to Seville to film the dedication of a monument to Tolerance made by Eli Weisel.

Upon their return to Canada, they discovered the box containing the balance of the film footage was lost on Iberia airlines. It took 10 agonizing days to locate it, but it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. As a result, Iberia extended their sponsorship and support making the return nearly possible. But they were still short of money.

On the day Fournier was scheduled to leave to prepare in advance for the crew arriving, an investor called from Florida and came in with enough funds for her to move the project further.

Lili Fournier

Arriving in Madrid, however, she found that the universal spiritual gathering By My Spirit was on the verge of being cancelled after two years of planning. The Spanish government hadn't come through with their promised investment. The Israel Philharmonic was in the air with no funds. The organizers of the event were trying to rally support.

This was on the eve of the Canadian crew leaving. Fournier had to make the decision to gamble that the event would go ahead despite the dismal outlook, and gave co-director Roger Pyke the go-ahead to leave for Spain. Her gamble paid off.

A French Jew came through with a substantial investment and the Spanish government responded as well. The By My Spirit organizers asked Fournier to produce the Israel Philharmonic concert for Spanish TV, which she did with a Spanish crew.

Jacobovici interviewed Zubin Mehta and Placido Domingo and got Domingo to sing *Shma Yisrael* to the camera. "After the event, we went on to capture some magnificent footage," said Fournier. "We interviewed the prominent scholars on the expulsion and various conversos.

"We also filmed the "chuetas," the descendants of conversos in Palma de Mallorca, who have been suffering intolerance for 500 years to this day and yet they are more catholic than the Catholics. They are still "chuetas," the Catalan derogative for Jews. As well, we filmed the outstanding community of the Marranos in Belmonte, Portugal exploring how they kept their Judaism secret for 500 years.

"In the tiny streets of Hervais in Spain, the villagers still know where the synagogue used to be, a certain part of town is still called the "Juderia" and the local populace still debate whether the Jews had horns and tails."

The film shoot continued on to film in Israel on Independence Day, filming in Jerusalem and Safat, culminating in the By My Spirit concert at the Citadel of King David, and the triumphant blowing of the shofars at the Western Wall.

They finally had everything but the "conversos" of New Mexico and funds had dried up. Fournier had risked all she could.

"We have all this wonderful footage and with the "conversos" it will make an excellent film but we must finish it soon or all will be lost." Fournier and her associates are actively seeking funding to complete the project.

Pyke said, "It was an absolutely fantastic experience. We were able to get footage that no-one else has. We now have to go to New Mexico for the conversos story to really finish it up. All we need is the funding."

Fournier says she wants to thank the people who made it possible to bring the project this far. "People like Don Duprey and Christa Singer at TVOntario, Peter Flemington of Vision TV, and Avi Bennett, Jonathan Wolfe and Kerri Green."

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Conductor Zubin Mehta

Chabad-Lubavitch downplays reported split over messiah

By JANICE ARNOLD and RON CSILLAG

In Lubavitch communities both in Toronto and Montreal, an image of unity was being upheld last week in the wake of renewed messianic fervor surrounding the movement's spiritual leader, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

The messiah mania surrounding Rabbi Schneerson isn't new but there is fresh controversy.

According to reports from New York City, where Chabad-Lubavitch maintains its world headquarters, strong behind-the-scene efforts are being made to contain the publicity fallout from a messianic dispute that is said to have split Chabad into two camps.

The conflict is said to be between two Lubavitch leaders: Rabbi Shmuel Butman, the New York director of Lubavitch Youth and a driving force behind the International Campaign to Bring Moshiach, and Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, the Lubavitcher rebbe's spokesman for over 30 years.

Rabbi Krinsky, who heads Agudas Chassidei Chabad, the main Chabad establishment, has denounced Rabbi Butman as an extremist for pressuring the 90-year-old Rabbi Schneerson to "reveal" himself as the Messiah.

The discord came to a head earlier this month, when Rabbi Schneerson appeared publicly at Lubavitch headquarters to help celebrate the annual commemoration of his ascendancy to the helm of Chabad 43 years ago.

But reports say Rabbi Butman had different plans. It was his belief, which he promulgated publicly, that the rebbe would use the occasion to declare himself as Moshiach.

Expectations among Lubavitchers that the rebbe would indeed reveal himself reached a fever pitch at the Feb. 7 event. Thousands chanted that the rebbe is the Messiah.

Finally, Rabbi Butman toned down his message, announcing that "no coronation" would take place and that "only G-d Almighty can make a coronation of Moshiach."

Rumors persist from Lubavitch that in the days following the event, a quiet reorganization was taking place, one that may leave Rabbi Butman and his supporters out in the cold.

There is no split "at all" on the issue among Toronto's roughly 900 Lubavitch families, Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum, executive vice-president of Chabad-Lubavitch of southern Ontario, told *The CJN*.

The whole controversy is a result of "a media lynching," Rabbi Grossbaum said.

"The rebbe has said that Moshiach is imminent and we believe very firmly that he is imminent," said Rabbi Grossbaum, adding that the fervor surrounding the issue may have been uncalled for but is simply an attempt by followers of Lubavitch "to put their house in order" before the Messiah arrives.

"Every day that he's delayed brings us closer to Moshiach."

There is no official policy within Lubavitch on how the Messiah's arrival can be hastened, explained Rabbi Immanuel Shoichet of Toronto, considered an expert on the matter.

Rebbe Schneerson

The "vast majority" of Lubavitch, he feels, sides with Rabbi Krinsky's more conservative views on Moshiach, while supporters of Rabbi Butman are "a few individuals who have gone off the deep end."

And most Chabad adherents think the frenzy which swirled around the Feb. 7 evening, when Rabbi Butman arranged for a satellite hookup that beamed the awaited unveiling of Moshiach to five continents, was "unwarranted, unjustified and indefensible," Rabbi Shoichet added.

There is nothing to be gained from putting pressure on Rabbi Schneerson, Rabbi Shoichet said.

"I know that as of last week, in reply to a question, the rebbe said there is no point in saying who is Moshiach," he stated. "Speculation over who is Moshiach has gone on through the ages. [But] it's always been a private affair."

On the other side of the issue is Rabbi Moshe New, director of the Montreal Torah Centre, who is firmly within the camp of those who believe Rabbi Schneerson is Moshiach. On that, there is unanimity, he said.

As well, Rabbi New points out, the Messiah can be proclaimed by Lubavitch because the Torah says the Messiah does not have to proclaim himself but will be recognized by his followers. He believes this view is shared by the "vast majority" of Lubavitchers.

Lubavitchers believe that a "potential" Messiah lives in every generation and Rabbi Schneerson has fulfilled every criteria to be Messiah, as spelled out in the Torah.

In Rabbi New's mind, "not a shadow of a doubt" exists about whether Rabbi Schneerson is Messiah and that it is only a matter of time before he reveals himself.

"The rebbe has stated from day one that our generation will witness the redemption."

As subtle as he suggests it is, Rabbi New thinks the split among Lubavitchers is harmful but its extent has been exaggerated by the press. "Neither side foresees the breakup of the movement over this."

The removal of the "Bienvenue le Moshiach" billboard over the Ville Marie expressway and the tapering off of other advertising heralding the Messiah's arrival are due strictly to a lack of funds, Rabbi New said.

Moreover, Rabbi New points out that the rebbe, who cannot speak because of a stroke he suffered a year ago, "responds positively with his hand, head and body" to being revered as Messiah by his followers. (Some observers feel the rift was allowed to advance as far as it has because of Rabbi Schneerson's inability to speak).

Rabbi New said a new committee has been established to raise funds to get the billboard up again and to publish other material.

He denied Lubavitch is losing financial support from non-Lubavitch Jews over the Moshiach campaign, pointing to the well-appointed offices of the Torah Centre, equipped by a non-Lubavitch family.

The Montreal Lubavitch community numbers about 200 families, he said.

Finding a Lubavitcher in Montreal who will express a dissenting opinion publicly is difficult.

Montreal city councillor Saulie Zajdel, a follower of Lubavitch, sees a clear split in the Lubavitch community. Weighing his words carefully, Zajdel said he disagrees strongly with the approach and the tone Lubavitch has taken in proclaiming the messianic era.

He believes billboards and ads are not the way it should be done and said he cannot relate to "the fervor" of Rebbe Schneerson's more ardent followers.

This activity has damaged the credibility of Lubavitch, which has done a tremendous amount of good work, Zajdel feels. He thinks his views are typical of a "silent majority" of Lubavitchers.

For Zajdel, the most fulfilling way of preparing for the messianic era is greater heeding of the Jewish sources.

'Get' refused despite jail

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

An 80-year-old man who has already spent 30 years in prison for refusing to grant his wife a religious bill of divorce has ignored fresh appeals made by a panel of seven rabbis to reverse his position.

The man, Yihye Avraham, told the rabbis that he would rather stay in jail than free his wife from marriage by granting her a get, or religious divorce.

"Can't do it, can't do it. Go away," Avraham told the rabbis, according to the *Yediot Achronot* newspaper.

Jewish law stipulates that both husband and wife must agree to a divorce, although only a man can actually give the get. Jewish law allows imprisonment as a method of last resort to put pressure on a stubborn spouse.

Avraham's 64-year-old wife, Ora, first applied for a divorce after 12 years of marriage. "His behavior was abhorrent. He treated me like chattel," Ora said in an interview published in *Yediot*.

The couple were married in their native country of Yemen when Ora was 12 and Yihye was 28. She bore him two daughters, but he berated her and abused her for not bearing sons.

When Ora left her husband at age 24, the couple was already living in Israel. Yihye consistently refused to grant her a divorce and was sent to prison in 1962.

Israel follows religious law in matters of marriage and divorce and Yihye was duly ordered to remain behind bars until he granted his wife the get.

Avraham has refused all these years and, due to his age, he is now being held in the hospital wing of the Ayalon prison in Ramla.

According to *Yediot*, the panel of seven rabbis who called at the prison hospital promised Avraham his freedom, a fancy apartment and religious blessings.

One of them even sang melancholy Yemeni songs to soften the old man's heart. But to no avail.

"Go away. Leave me alone," he said.

His wife commented afterwards: "He's destroyed my life. May his name be destroyed. I haven't seen his ugly face since 1967, and I hope to never see him again."

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Ad for 'Jewish human soap' sparks outrage in South Florida

NEW YORK (JPFS) —

Jewish communities from Florida to Brooklyn are outraged at a classified ad selling "Jewish human soap" that appeared recently in a Miami area newspaper.

The two-line ad, reading "soap — bar of Jewish Human Soap, Real WWII relic $50, Call ----" appeared in the January 20 edition of Fort Lauderdale's daily *Sun Sentinel*. The paper has a circulation of 200,000.

Fort Lauderdale is part of the Greater Miami region, whose approximately 500,000 Jews make the fourth largest Jewish population in the United States.

Phones rang continuously at the paper's offices the following day as residents called in to express their disgust and outrage. Some of the callers, however, were interested in purchasing the soap, which a local Jewish activist called "disgusting."

The *Sentinel* ran a public notice the day after the ad appeared, apologizing for the "inadvertent" publication of "an ethnically offensive classified ad." No mention of the anti-Jewish nature of the ad was made.

Marketing director Jim Smith told *The Jewish Journal*, a local Jewish weekly, that the ad was not approved by anyone on its staff, but had somehow "slipped by." It appeared in a free classifieds section, where phone numbers and addresses are not checked.

The telephone number provided in the ad belongs to an evangelical Christian organization, the Christian Task Force against Antisemitism. The group recently ran ads in other Miami-area papers, reading "Bigots Beware! Any act against Jews will be considered an act against Christians."

The South Florida Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith said it considers the ad to be a hoax, probably placed by someone wishing to defame Reverend Cathy Rose, a self-ordained minister who heads the Christian Task Force.

The day after the ad appeared, Rose hooked up a message to her answering machine that denounced the ad and its anti-Semitic message.

Louise Shure, Palm Beach County ADL regional director, explained that the Miami area has seen a rise in neo-Nazi groups recently, and that they are becoming more active.

"This area really has some slick, mean guys, who are associated with the neo-Nazis," she told *The Jewish Journal*. "They have been using a number of different methods to get their anti-Semitic messages out."

Arthur Teitelbaum, ADL's southern area regional director, said the ADL is not sure who is behind the ad, but it was clearly intended "to shock and insult the [Jewish] community." He said he doubts that any such soap exists.

"What is of concern to us and the rest of the Jewish community is that an employee of the paper would not have rejected an ad that was so offensive on its face," he added. "No responsible paper would have wanted its advertising page used for such a purpose."

Michael Winograd, ADL's south Florida associate director, remarked that "it's hard to imagine [of a way], short of blindfolding the newspaper staff, that it got in without anyone seeing it." He said, however, that he did not believe there was any anti-Semitic intent in the *Sentinel's* actions.

The ADL has scheduled meetings with the *Sentinel's* entire editorial staff and has offered to run intergroup relations training at the paper's offices.

Neo-Nazi attacks up in Germany

BONN (JTA) —

The German Interior Ministry has released figures showing that there has been a dramatic increase in the number of neo-Nazi attacks in the country.

But at the same time polls are also showing a marked decrease in support of right-wing extremist groups among the German public, according to a survey taken by one of Germany's leading public opinion research institutes.

In the figures released by the Interior Ministry, it was shown there were 77 desecrations of Jewish cemeteries or monuments in Germany last year, more than double the number for the previous year.

The Interior Ministry, which released this figure said special measures have been taken to protect Jewish objects which may be targeted for damages by right-wing extremists.

According to the ministry, some 41,400 neo-Nazi activists are known to police, of whom 6,400 have been defined as "militant."

But attacks against persons seem to be on the decline.

Since November, the number of attacks against foreigners has dropped considerably. In January, 70 such attacks were recorded, far less than the average for a typical month in 1992, when nearly 200 attacks occurred.

Some 50 percent of attacks against foreigners last year were directed against asylum-seekers.

And more than 70 percent of these were perpetrated by youths. Only two per cent of the known perpetrators are older than 30, the ministry said.

Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters said the number of violent racial incidents was 2,285 in 1992, up from 1,483 in 1991.

This represents an increase of 54 percent.

Even as he reported that attacks against persons had declined, Seiters warned against an "all-clear" signal and said this could be a temporary development, due in part also to bad weather conditions.

The statistics about right-wing extremism were gathered by the Cologne-based Federal Office for Internal Security.

They show that in 1992, 17 people lost their lives in attacks directly attributed to neo-Nazi groups. Seven of the dead were non-Germans.

The most notable increase in violent incidents has been registered in arson and bomb attacks. In 1992, 701 such attacks were registered, compared to 383 in 1991.

In another development, the interior ministry of the state of North Rhine Westphalia, Herbert Schnoor, revealed that a trade union called the German Workers Association has been infiltrated and practically overtaken by the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party, or NPD.

Schnoor said that in recent meetings, activists of the union have officially adopted parts of the NPD programs and vocabulary.

He also said that leading union members were known militants of the NPD.

Despite these figures, the poll conducted by Klaus Liepelt, a pollster for Infas, showed decreased support for right-wing groups.

Speaking in Saarbrucken, Liepelt said the new pattern manifested itself in a drastic decrease in support for the Republicans, an extremist, rightist party led by Franz Schonhuber, a former SS officer.

Three months ago, the polls gave the Republicans 10 percent or so of the popular vote, far more than the five percent needed for a seat in the Bonn legislature.

But polls taken in recent days indicate that the Republicans would only get 3.5 to four percent, which would keep them out of the national Parliament.

The pollsters have concluded that many Germans have been irritated by the damages caused to their country's image after the wave of violent attacks against foreigners.

Many others have become genuinely concerned that neo-Nazis would make headway into centre-stage politics and would change their lives for the worse.

These concerns have been manifested in dozens of vigils against neo-Nazis and anti-Semitism.

But in the past few days, some opinion leaders have begun to criticize the daily shows of concern for the foreigners.

Homosexuals win court ruling

TEL AVIV —

Israel's national airline, El Al, must grant free tickets to homosexual partners of its flight attendants just as it would for legal spouses, according to a court ruling.

The court ruling is being carefully studied in Israel because it might set a wider precedent for benefits granted to the "permanent partners" of employees.

A specified number of free or discounted tickets are routinely issued to airline employees and their spouses under employment packages offered by the companies.

The court dispute arose out of an El Al company rule stipulating that if an employee signs a declaration that he or she has a binding relationship with a "common law" wife or husband, then that partner should be recognized as a spouse eligible for the benefit of free tickets.

The company also included permanent partners that could not be married to the employee because the couple could not legally marry. In Israel, such a situation could result if one of them could not obtain a religious get, or divorce, from a previous spouse, or if the male was a Kohen and the woman was a divorcee.

The Tel Aviv District Labor Court ruled that the company could not discriminate between these situations, where heterosexual partners could not marry in Israel's religious courts because of various technicalities, and unmarried partners who could not marry because they are of the same sex.

So far, only one flight attendant has filed suit against El Al, after his request for a free ticket for his gay partner was rejected.

If others wish to receive the same benefits, they will have to sign a declaration asserting they have a "binding relationship" with the given partner, the court ruled.

Among the consequences of the ruling that the El Al management is now studying are fears that its religious passengers might be offended by a company policy granting free tickets to gay partners of flight attendants.

The News in Brief

Israeli shot dead

JERUSALEM — Four terrorists shot dead a Holon vegetable wholesaler in an attack near Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip.

Yehezkel Avraham, 50, had gone to a Bedouin agricultural area to buy vegetables together with another dealer, Ibrahim Serri, a Jaffa Arab.

On their arrival, four masked men in an open truck drew near their Mercedes commercial van with Israeli license plates.

Serri, who was driving the van, jumped out and fled as the gunmen shot Avraham at point-blank range, Gaza coast settlements' spokesman Datia Herskowitz told *The Jerusalem Post*.

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Cancer patients visit Disney

JERUSALEM — The first of a group of young cancer patients was flown to Euro Disney as part of a special campaign that will last three months. Rabbi Meir Fadida, who heads the volunteer organization which treats cancer patients and is running the campaign, said the children were very excited and that the trip "will raise their morale, after they underwent a series of difficult treatments."

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Lebanese plant trees

JERUSALEM — Dozens of schoolchildren from the security zone in south Lebanon crossed the border into Israel to take part in special "Tu Bishvat" tree planting ceremonies in Metulla and Ma'alot.

Youngsters from among Christian, Druse, Shi'ite and Sunni communities joined with their Israeli counterparts in Metulla to plant two rows of trees leading from the "Good Fence" crossing point into the heart of the northern township.

Local council chairman Yossi Goldberg said the line of trees, stretching over 500 yards, would be known as "the Avenue of Peace" as "a symbol of the peace we hope will ultimately be achieved between Lebanon and Israel."

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Aid to Greek Catholic diocese

JERUSALEM — The government is to make a special allocation of approximately $1 million to the Greek Catholic Diocese of Galilee, the first time such aid has been extended.

A source said the allocation came at the initiative of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The diocese, which suffers a massive deficit, supports a large number of institutions, with six elementary schools and a large high school in Nazareth, an orphanage, a prisoner rehabilitation program, an old-age home and numerous churches.

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Comptroller blasts police

JERUSALEM — Police brutality remains widespread and the top police brass has failed to deal with the situation, Israel's police comptroller has charged in a report.

"Despite the intensive effort [to deal with police brutality] in the past decade, it appears that . . . the extent of the problem has not diminished," wrote comptroller Avraham Adan.

"The root of the problem has simply not been dealt with, Adan told a Jerusalem press conference, also attended by Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Inspector-General Ya'acov Terner.

Shahal and Terner have already agreed to take a number of steps recommended by Adan to fight police misconduct.

The most controversial measure, which Adan said is essential, is mandating that a policeman charged with misconduct take a lie-detector test, if requested by investigators.

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Nuns set to leave Auschwitz

NEW YORK — Senior Catholic officials have pledged that the Carmelite nuns occupying a theatre building at Auschwitz will vacate their convent shortly, probably by the end of March, but indicated that right-wing nationalists continue to threaten the plan and consider it an affront to Polish national sensibilities.

In a meeting last week with Jewish representatives, Cardinal John O'Connor, archbishop of New York and moderator of Catholic-Jewish affairs for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, said that the nuns' new convent is complete and ready to be inhabited.

But Catholic officials are not indicating any firm date for the move into the convent, for fear of provoking right-wing nationalists in Poland and France who have said they may try to block the move.

Medical breakthrough

JERUSALEM — A possible breakthrough in the treatment of multiple sclerosis — a potentially crippling autoimmune disease that affects over 4,000 Israelis in the prime of their life — has been reported by neurologists at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva.

"Very promising" results in reducing the frequency and severity of attacks of "relapsing-remitting" MS were reported by Dr. Anat Ahiron, who heads a team conducting clinical trials at the hospital. "I am very optimistic," she said.

The Beilinson doctors say they are the first to propose the treatment of MS with Gamma-Immune, a U.S.-manufactured form of immunoglobulin G. Until now, it has been used very successfully for gravis and a blood-clotting disorder in children — all without any deleterious side effects.

The drug, imported by Promedico from the Cutter company in the United States, clearly reduced the number and severity of MS attacks, said Ahiron.

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Oleh freezes to death

TEL AVIV — A man found frozen to death in an abandoned warehouse in Rehovot has been identified as a senior engineer in the former Soviet Union's space program who immigrated to Israel two years ago.

The man, Viacheslav Gelbob, 32, had been unable to find work in his field once he came to Israel and was forced to accept odd jobs in the construction industry.

The tragic story, widely covered in the Israeli media, is seen as illustrating the plight of immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Many of them are highly skilled but cannot find work, particularly in their previous field of expertise.

Gelbob apparently had taken to wandering about aimlessly, carrying a bag containing a few belongings and sleeping in strange locations.

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Mulroney comments on Israel

WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney made some rare public remarks about Israel during his recent meeting here with President Bill Clinton. The Prime Minister said: "My own view is that we tend not to try to give Israel lessons in regard to the determinations it has to make about its own national security. Israel is entitled to make some important value judgments about itself...I congratulated the President and the Secretary of State for their leadership in bringing about the first step — the return of the hundred [Palestinian] deportees [from Lebanon], which I think was an excellent example of diplomacy and international leadership by the President.

"It is the first step, not the whole answer. And it is a complicated matter, the resolution of which will be clearer after Secretary of State [Warren] Christopher has had an opportunity to visit the region. But I am always very concerned when people start to lecture on the manner in which it has to look after its own internal security, because for very important historical reasons, Israel of course is better qualified than most to make determinations about its own wellbeing."

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Anti-racist unit urged

TORONTO — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has called on Ontario premier Bob Rae to support creation of a specially-trained Joint Police Task Force on Hate that would encompass law enforcement agencies from across the country.

"What is needed is a multi-force, multi-agency task force which will devote itself full-time to penetrating, tracking and monitoring these [racist] organizations before they get out of hand," states a letter to the premier.

"Without it, there are bound to be terrorist acts, continued vandalism against churches, synagogues and mosques, desecration of cemeteries and eventually the loss of innocent lives," the letter said.

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Paris protesters

PARIS — Emulating anti-racist marches that have taken place recently in Germany, Austria and Italy, thousands of demonstrators took part here last week in a march against racism and for equal rights.

Demonstrators estimated at between 18,000 and 30,000, representing some 140 political parties, unions and anti-racist groups from France and throughout Europe, joined the march.

Among the demonstrators was a large delegation from the British Anti-Nazi League, who loudly shouted, "Stop Le Pen Again," referring to French rightest leader Jean-Marie Le Pen.

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Ethiopia rejects emigration

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Ethiopian government is not prepared to approve a large-scale emigration to Israel of the Falash Mora, a sect whose ancestors were Jews who converted to Christianity.

Israel's ambassador to Ethiopia, Haim Divon, conveyed the Ethiopian government's position on the issue to the Israeli Cabinet, which is reviewing a ministerial panel's recommendation to allow the Falash Mora to immigrate to Israel as individuals, but not as Jews under the Law of Return.

Ethioipian Jewish groups in Israel have generally attacked the recommendation as not going far enough to bring the entire Falash Mora community to Israel.

Many Ethiopian Jews in Israel have relatives among the Falash Mora who remain in Africa. The group is variously estimated to number between 20,000 and 40,000.

Some 4,000 Falash Mora are now waiting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, hoping to emigrate and settle in Israel. Thousands more live in rural areas.

Ethiopian immigrant groups here, who have staged demonstrations against the recommendation, demand that the entire sect be recognized as Jews. Under the Law of Return, any Jew has an automatic right of immigration to Israel.

Immigrant Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban has said that a large part of the Falash Mora would end up coming to Israel anyway under guidelines that set family reunification, rather than the Law of Return, as the basis for granting the right of immigration.

Even under the Law of Return, some of the Falash Mora would be eligible to immigrate if they have Jewish parents or grandparents, or if they have decided to return to Judaism.

Yet the entire operation would be contingent upon cooperation by the Ethiopian government, and Divon's report to the cabinet said that Addis Ababa would only permit emigration on a one-by-one basis.

The mass airlifts organized by Israel in the past were one-time exceptions, Divon explained.

Tsaban and Interior Minister Arye Deri have rejected accusations that Israel has applied a looser standard toward immigrants from the former Soviet Union than from Ethiopia on the question of who is a Jew qualifying under the Law of Return.

In an interview with the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, Arnon Mantver, director-general of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, said the comparison with the former Soviet Union is not fair.

"In the U.S.S.R., there was not an entire group of people who had converted from Judaism to Christianity, but rather individual cases of spouses of Jews," Mantver said.

The Jewish Agency official also rejected speculation that Israel wants to restrict the number of immigrants from Ethiopia because of problems absorbing those who have already come.

Although the Ethiopian community in Israel seems now to be unified in its demand that all Falash Mora be allowed to immigrate, its initial reaction was somewhat confused.

Some of the disjointed reaction from the Israeli Ethiopians stems from the fact that there are at least 55 organizations registered with the government and claiming to represent the Ethiopian community. But at least half of them exist only on paper.

Leader's words haunt Shas

JERUSALEM —

In the latest scandal to rock Israel's ruling coalition, newspapers have dug up a recorded speech by the spiritual mentor of the Orthodox Sephardic Shas party in which he attacked the Labor party for being a group of "evildoers."

In the speech, recorded several years ago, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef also personally insults Labor Knesset member Avraham Burg, calling him a "calf."

Yosef accuses Burg of making "deals" with the Reform movement, and faults Burg's father — the former leader of the National Religious Party, Yosef Burg — for not properly observing Jewish law.

After the reports were published Burg hit back, referring to Yosef as "the so-called rabbi with a style better suited to the marketplace than to Torah scholarship."

The publicized remarks were only the latest to cause trouble between Shas and its present coalition partners, Labor and the left-wing Meretz bloc.

Yosef's freewheeling rhetoric triggered a coalition flap last week when a tape, also made some years ago, was released by unknown sources and similarly distributed to the local media.

In that tape, Yosef is heard to imply that when secularist politician Shulamit Aloni dies, "everybody should celebrate."

Aloni, now minister of education and head of Meretz, was at the time part of the political opposition.

The source of these tapes is unknown, but well-placed observers in the Orthodox world point to factions within the United Torah Judaism party, the Ashkenazic Orthodox rival to Shas.

While politicians from Labor and Meretz railed against the Sephardic sage, Shas suffered further embarrassment with the imprisonment of its former Knesset member and key official, Yair Levy.

Levy began a five-year term at the Maasiyahu jail near Ramla for embezzling more than 300,000 shekels ($111,000) from a Shas party educational and cultural fund.

Several dozen well-wishers accompanied Levy to the prison gates. He was not permitted to talk to reporters there, but in earlier interviews he said he drew encouragement from the warm wishes he received in recent days from Yosef and other rabbis.

Yosef last week gave Levy a set of books he had written himself and included a handwritten dedication predicting that Levy would "return to contribute to and lead" Shas party institutions.

Levy has said he will appeal his sentence to Israel's Supreme Court.

Even more trouble seems to lie ahead for Shas. Knesset member and Deputy Religious affairs Minister Rafael Pinhasi was reportedly informed that the attorney general has decided to press charges against him for allegedly breaking party financing laws after the 1988 Knesset elections.

Attorney General Micha Harish is expected to ask the Knesset to remove Pinhasi's immunity.

In addition, a three-year investigation into alleged fraudulent activities by Shas leader and Interior Minister Arye Deri has recaptured the public's attention. Deri announced that he would break his silence and finally agree to police requests to interrogate him about the affair.

Some political observers warn that Shas' multiple problems may lead to the party's withdrawal from the government, particularly if Deri is eventually indicted for fraud.

Front Line

Hamas deportations a blow against terror

By DROR ZEIGERMAN

The suggestion that there exists a double standard with regard to Israel's defiance of UN resolutions and those resolutions condemning Arab countries would imply that the world has now decided to equate the actions of Israel to those of the Arab states. There can simply be no comparison made between Israel's act of deporting Hamas terrorists and the atrocities committed by Arab states, such as the thousands killed in Hama by Syria; the Kurds and Kuwaitis killed by Iraq; and the Palestinians by Jordan during Black September.

The world has always maintained that Israel should not act as these Arab countries do and that we have a greater moral responsibility than our neighboring states. Yet, suddenly we are being placed on the same level because we have not complied with the resolution demanding that we allow the deported Hamas terrorists back into Israel. The Supreme Court of Israel has upheld the legality of the deportations and ruled that every deportee has the right to personally appeal his deportation directly to the courts. If Israel behaved as the Arabs, we would have moved into the territories with soldiers and tanks, yet we chose the only legal solution to a situation that was no longer acceptable, or tolerable, as it involved continued terrorist attacks against our citizens.

The priority of the world is to fight against terror. When the president of the United States apprehended the terrorists of the *Achille Lauro* from the sky by American navy jets, though it was against international law, he justified his actions by claiming that the terrorists must be stopped at any cost. The Hamas terrorists, supported by the Iranian regime, pose a threat to the national security of Israel. In the Gaza Strip there are Palestinians who call for the death of thousands of Israelis; such was the case when the spokesman of the Hamas deportees in the Islamic College claimed that "a day of death is a day of celebration." Hamas' covenant states that "Israel will only remain until Islam will obliterate it, and that . . . peace initiatives, proposals and conference are but a waste of time."

Israel has illustrated to the world and, more importantly to itself, that any acts of violence will not be tolerated. That is why after the Sabra and Shatila massacre in Lebanon, committed by the Lebanese against their own people, a commission of inquiry was established, which I supported in the Knesset. Such an act, though not carried out by Israeli soldiers, occurred under our control and for this reason alone I felt the need for this commission. Opponents of the inquiry argued that such atrocities happen in the Arab world and that we were not to be held responsible. I could not accept this argument, for as Jews living in the only democratic nation in the entire Middle East, we have a higher moral standard by which to live. How can Israeli action be equated with the Arab world, when an inquiry such as the one established in Israel would have been created in any other democratic country?

The claim that there is a double standard in the United Nations is misleading. There is very little in common between the UN resolutions calling for the withdrawal of Saddam Hussein's troops from Kuwait and the call for the return of the Palestinian deportees. In dealing with Iraq the world faced a real threat to peace and stability in the region. Israel's action toward the Hamas terrorists is a way to create stability in the region. To come to a peace agreement, Israel must be prepared to make compromises that the vast majority of our people support. In order to achieve this we must create an atmosphere within our borders to assure our people of their safety. One of the conditions to achieve autonomy for the Palestinians is to have elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. These representatives must have the support of their people to continue to negotiate with Israel. As well, they must be able to stop the terror of Hamas, which attempts to murder Palestinians who participate in this process.

The ruling to allow one hundred deportees to return to Israel was a difficult and debatable decision. This move by Israel again illustrates its willingness to make concessions to continue the peace process. As well, this gesture has created an atmosphere that will allow the Clinton administration to stop the UN Security Council from enforcing sanctions on Israel without using its veto. The Arab world must not interpret this decision as a sign of weakness and must realize that Israel's commitment to protecting its citizens from any form of terrorism is unconditional.

A UN resolution that would impose sanctions against Israel would mean the death of the peace process. In order to continue with the peace process the United Nations must play the even-handed mediator to bring both sides to the table. So far it has not played this role.

(Dror Zeigerman is Israeli Consul General in Toronto. A member of the Knesset from 1981 to 1986, he served on the security and foreign affairs committees.)

Rabin has few options to restore peace process

By MEL SHIPMAN

Yitzhak Rabin finds himself between the proverbial rock and a hard place. If he retreats too far on the expulsions of 415 Palestinians for their alleged involvement with terrorist organizations, he will lose face with his electorate. If he fails to satisfy the United Nations he faces the continued danger of sanctions, a halt to the peace process, and increasing isolation within the international community. Neither prospect is particularly attractive. Yet, avoiding the issue is becoming more and more difficult.

Rabin is aware of this dilemma. That is why he decided (in the face of pressure from the United States) to permit the return of 100 expellees and to reduce the expulsion time for the remainder from two years to one. This has bought him a bit of time. But it has not let him off the hook. The expellees have rejected his offer; the United Nations is still not satisfied; the United States is not entirely happy; and the peace process is going nowhere.

So what should Rabin do?

In my view, he should do three things: institute due process, remove all of the expellees from Lebanon and get the peace process back on track.

To institute due process, Rabin must shift the fight against Hamas and terrorists, from collective punishment to individual review. The Israeli Supreme Court has directed his attention to this form of legitimate anti-terrorist activity. It appears that Rabin is prepared to accept its advice. New reports indicate that the machinery for individual appeals is being organized and that tribunals are being established in South Lebanon and that individual cases will be reviewed on request.

Yitzhak Rabin

However, in order to encourage the expellees to participate in a review process and to get the United Nations off his back, Rabin must shift the focus of review from Lebanon to Israel. Of course, if the expellees are removed from their current location to Israel they can claim a measure of vindication. This may be hard for Rabin to swallow. But it seems to be a small price to pay for the resultant benefit.

First, the suspected terrorists would remain in Israeli custody and Rabin could rightfully claim that he is still a tough guy. Secondly, it would put an end to the negative media headlines and the pictures of shivering men huddled in canvas tents on bleak Lebanese hillsides. Thirdly, it would pacify the United Nations, stop the cry for sanctions, take the heat off the new Clinton administration, and undermine the argument of a double standard. Fourthly, and most importantly, it would make it easier for the PLO to get back to the negotiation table.

This brings me to my final point, the peace process itself. During my recent meeings with peace activists in Israel, I came away with a clear and unmistakable message: if Rabin is serious about achieving a peace agreement with the Palestinians — and all indications are that he is — he must be more forthcoming about the form and content of the Palestinian autonomy plan. In the first place, this means that giving increased emphasis to the principles established in the Camp David accords. In this context, the Palestinians could be assured of an orderly transfer of power to their own self-governing authority and the gradual but committed withdrawal of Israeli military governance to specific areas with clear security implications.

In addition, Rabin should adopt as government policy the Labor Party's declared stand in support of Palestinians "national rights." Similarly, he should return to a Labor formula, written before the election in June, that Palestinians in Jerusalem could participate in the Self Governing Authority. Such participation would be without prejudice to Israel's claim to the whole city. While not foregoing this claim, it would have the effect of enfranchising the core of the pragmatic wing of Palestinian nationalism.

Of course, peace talks and peace proposals are neither a one-person nor a one-country performance. In return for a more clear-cut stance on Palestinian autonomy, the Palestinians would have to recuperate with confidence building measures of their own.

First, they must denounce any and all forms of terrorism and dissociate themselves from the Hamas vision of a fight to the death. Secondly, Palestinain negotiators and the PLO should go beyond their current negotiating posture of passive, powerless victims and begin offering serious alternatives to the Israelis.

If both the Israelis and the Palestinians begin to reach out to each other with less posturing and more substance, then Rabin's stunning electoral victory last June may finally result in a decisive breakthrough in Israeli-Palestinian relations. Such a breakthrough would be a more severe blow to Hamas than arrests and deportations. It should also silence those skeptics and critics who have labelled Rabin as a more clever former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Yitzhak Rabin is not Shamir II. While he may be a bonebreaker, he is also a serious peacemaker. In the case of Hamas, he has exhibited his tough, bonebreaking characteristics. Now he must demonstrate the peacemaking side of his personality by being as bold and as decisive in seizing the perilous opportunity for peace.

(Mel Shipman is president of Canadian Friends of Peace Now).

Tragedy of Gaza unlikely to disappear

By CARL ALPERT

In a moment of exasperation, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was quoted as having uttered the pious wish that he hoped Gaza would disappear into the depths of the sea.

Since such a geographical miracle is hardly likely to occur, Israel is faced with the problem of what to do about the troublesome, terror-ridden Gaza Strip, and an extensive public controversy is now in full swing here. On the one hand are those who insist that we should withdraw from there at once, unconditionally — and on the other hand, those who maintain that Israel's continued presence there is a security necessity.

Objectively, I offer a digest summary of the two points of view, each of which commands a considerable following here.

For Withdrawal — We have no solution for Gaza's problems of population overcrowding, lack of water, insufficient arable land and internal disorganization. The people there hate us, and the continued street battles between our troops and the gangs of stone-throwing youth, shown almost nightly on TV screens around the world, merely hold us up to ridicule.

The control which we insist on maintaining there is at best fictitious since there are large areas where our troops never dare to go, and the terrorists reign supreme. At night Israel's presence is hardly felt.

Our troops are tired, and the general public is tired of this endless war of attrition which adds little to our glory. Let's face it: They don't want us there and they hate us. Continued occupation will never lead them to love Israel, and we might as well get out now and cut our losses. Egypt occupied Gaza until Israel took it in the Six-Day War. Egypt was only too happy to get rid of it.

One commentator has come up with a specific proposal: Israel should proclaim that in 18 months we are getting out and leaving them to stew in their own juice. We shall erect an electrified wall along our border with Gaza and let the mutually antagonistic terrorist groups fight among themselves. Theoretically they have the possibility of establishing a viable economy, but this will require financial help from the oil rich Arab states and perhaps from the International Monetary Fund.

There may well be border violations, even through the fence, but these will be far less serious than the kind of situation which exists today. And the few Israeli settlements in the south of Gaza might as well fold up and disappear. They had no place there to begin with.

For Remaining — An independent state of Gaza, most likely set up by a dominant Islamic fundamentalist Hamas, would become a huge land mine at Israel's back. It would be a staging area, a jumping off place for major assaults on Israel, and a base for the unimpeded stationing of long and short range missiles aimed at the heart of Israel. What do we do then? Re-enter Gaza with a large army? It will be no picnic, either militarily or politically.

Even worse is the precedent which withdrawal will have set. The slogan now making the rounds, "Gaza First," means to the Arabs that after the Israelis yield to the terrorism in Gaza, they will then be forced to yield to terror in Judea and Samaria. Then will come Jerusalem, and the right to return to Jaffa and Haifa.

Gaza is indeed a human problem, but national independence will not solve its problems of overpopulation, unemployment and hunger. To the contrary, the festering misery will transform it into a new replica of Somalia, only with greater cruelty and suffering.

Is the situation hopeless, no matter what is done? One solution projected — admittedly not one that could yet be taken up and discussed rationally — calls for resettlement of the population surplus in other lands, and where, if not in Arab countries which speak the same language, have the same religion, and in many cases are in need of working hands? This is a long range proposal, but who has a better one?

Of late, an alternative plan has been offered — to drain off Gaza's surplus population by settling them in the empty spaces of the West Bank, an idea hardly calculated to win Israel's support.

Israel has faced other major problems in its past — the draining of swamps, conquest of the desert, opposition by hostile Arabs here at home — yet fortunately we never gave up nor elected to choose the easy way out. If we did, there would have been no Israel today.

Obviously there is no easy solution, and there are those who prefer to use Gaza as a weapon with which to beat Israel, and hence are unwilling to facilitate any solution.

The tragedy of Gaza is going to be with us for a long time.

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News making

NBC, the mammoth American television network, has been chastened by its recent experience with a documentary on a General Motors pick-up truck — which was shown breaking into flames when another vehicle collided with it.

What NBC did not tell viewers of this dramatic and explosive scene was that the network's engineers had mounted tiny rockets on the truck's undercarriage — which may or may not have triggered the ensuing explosion and fire.

This information, however, came into the public domain only after General Motors had expended a substantial amount of money and conducted a rigorous examination of the film showing the collision. NBC was finally forced to make a public confession of its manipulation of the crash scene.

One person who would not have been surprised by the mischief engaged in by NBC is Jim Lederman, a journalist based in Jerusalem who has worked with National Public Radio. Last year Lederman published a book called *Battle Lines* in which, among other things, he executed an audit of television coverage of the intifada by all the American networks.

Lederman is too astute a journalist to suggest that the intifida was caused by television reporting. But in his analysis — based on his viewing of many hundreds of hours of viewing tapes — he came to the not surprising conclusion that television, in its desire for the sensational and the "entertaining," had been seriously deficient in the early reportage on the intifada.

Newsmen for the television networks were more interested in snappy sound bites and the depicting of violent clashes than in trying to explain the broad context in which the events were unfolding.

This, Lederman argues, is not a trivial matter. News coverage of the intifada was used by leaders of the intifada to further their political ends. The result was that television presented a manipulated perception of the struggle between Palestinians and Israelis in such a way that the Palestinians were portrayed as underdogs skilful at attracting camera attention as they burned tires, hurled stones, jeered at soldiers and made the V-for-victory sign.

Unlike General Motors, Israel had neither the financial nor political clout sufficient to make the networks recant and come clean on the tendentiousness of their reporting. It is to be hoped that NBC's debacle over the GMC truck episode will encourage all television networks to limit their role to news recording rather news making.

Justice demanded

Iceland, a somnolent Nordic nation usually out of sight and mind, is suddenly in the spotlight.

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has presented the Icelandic government with a dossier alleging that a former Nazi collaborator presently living in Iceland was responsible for the deaths of 180 Jews during the Holocaust.

The person in question is Ewald Mikson, a native of Estonia, who goes under the name of Edward Hinriksson. According to eyewitness testimony assembled by Efraim Zuroff, the Israeli director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, Mikson is alleged to have personally murdered 30 Jews and ordered the deaths of 150 more while he was a Gestapo investigator in a Nazi concentration camp in Tartu, Estonia. Zuroff found the incriminating material on a research trip to Tallinn, Estonia, where he was able to delve into former KGB files.

Recently, Zuroff handed the Icelandic public prosecutor "compelling" evidence regarding Mikson's apparent activities in Tartu. On the basis of this data, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre asked Iceland to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate the Mikson file. The prosecutor promised Zuroff that he would seriously consider the matter and render a decision in the near future.

No one, least of all Zuroff, expects the Mikson affair to be expedited with ease. Mikson, a retired sauna operator, is reportedly a popular and fairly influential figure in the Icelandic capital of Reykjavik, while his two sons are apparently prominent soccer players. Last October, an Icelandic judicial commission recommended that no action be taken in the Mikson case. Although disheartened by the verdict, Zuroff persevered, and earlier this month, he gave the authorities what he believes is incontrovertible proof implicating Mikson in war crimes.

If Zuroff is right, Iceland will have no alternative but to appoint a special prosecutor and get to the bottom of the Mikson conundrum once and for all. Justice cannot be denied.

WANTED BY IDF

Three unidentified activists belonging to the Hamas fundamentalist movement display their weapons in a picture provided by the Israeli army Feb. 1. The men pictured are wanted by the Israeli Army who say this picture was found among belongings in possession of the two American Hamas activists arrested recently. [RNS photo/Reuters]

Letters to the Editor

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NO DEBATE ON BONDS

The headlines of the article that appeared on the front page (*CJN*, Feb. 11) implied that there is a debate as to the future of the Israel Bond organization. I want to state categorically that is not the case and in fact the headline you selected was sensational in tone and bore little relationship to the contents of the article.

The government of Israel, like virtually every government in the world, must borrow money in order to operate. Since 1951 in Canada the government of Israel has had a reliable source of foreign investment capital, namely the State of Israel Bonds. For most of that 42-year period Israel was able to borrow long term money at low rates of interest, mainly from Jewish investors around the world. Then things began to change.

Israel introduced higher yield instruments including two variable rate instruments denominated in both U.S. and Canadian dollars and sales began to take off. Suddenly, Jewish and non-Jewish investors were buying more and more Israel Bonds. The sale of those Bonds, together with the success of the Note Program, a leveraged means of loaning Israel sums of money on the strength of a person's creditworthiness, produced worldwide sales in excess of $1 billion U.S.

Enter Israel's Finance Minister Avraham Shohat. Last week, he made the rather obvious observation that Bonds are now "competitive" and, "in some cases," more expensive than U.S. loan guarantee money. Now it is being suggested that the future of the Bonds organization is somehow under debate.

Nonsense. Israel Bonds remain a far better deal for the government of Israel than the U.S. loan guarantees for the following reasons:

1. The rate of interest that Israel pays to Note holders is substantially less than the rate of interest that Israel is required to pay the U.S. government on loan guarantee money. Notes accounted for approximately 40 percent of the funds raised by Bonds last year.

2. More importantly, there are no strings attached to Israel Bond dollars. The same cannot be said for U.S. government loans nor loans from any other government. That point should not be lost on a country so concerned about maintaining political autonomy. And incidentally, the loan guarantees have yet to be ratified by the U.S. Congress.

Through good times and difficult times, whether motivated by the rate of interest, the security of the investment or the unconditional love for the Jewish state, Israel Bonds have traditionally been Israel's best and most reliable source of foreign investment capital. They are far too valuable a commodity to put at risk.

Naturally like any business, we regularly review our product lines and our overall cost effectiveness. That qualifies as a debate about the future of Bonds. The minister himself stated: "We do not want to weaken the Bond organization." If that is truly the case, and it should be, you ought not to be implying that there is either any doubt or debate as to the future of Israel Bonds.

Until such time as Israel can afford to self finance 100 percent of its own development, every Israeli government leader will tell you that State of Israel Bonds will remain a vital component in achieving that country's ambitious economic aspirations.

Alex E. Grossman
President Canada Israel Securities Ltd.

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PRIVATE SCHOOL DEBATE

Alan Borovoy's opposition to public funding of religious schools stems from what I believe are faulty assumptions. Borovoy states that publicly funding religious schools will cause the attendance at public schools to severely decline. My perception of the general public is that the overwhelming majority have little if any strong feelings towards religion; certainly not enough to cause many parents to change their children's schools.

He also seems to believe that the existing public school system is a glorious melting pot where students of different cultures learn to live together and appreciate their cultural differences. Has he visited any schools lately? Public school students have ethnic cliques, fight, and sling slurs at each other in spite of working, eating, and studying together.

Perhaps the increasing rate of private school attendance in other Canadian provinces means that parents recognize the strong academic levels and moral tone of most religious schools, and worry about the declining standards in public schools. Although I am fully in favor of improving public schools, I am also enough of a realist to recognize that they are a long way off from the levels that exist at religious schools, both Jewish and non-Jewish. If public schools had to compete on an equal footing with religious schools for students, perhaps their standards would rise. Or would Borovoy only feel comfortable when all schools have been dragged down to the same level?

Michael Kinrys
Toronto

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MANNING IS PHILO-SEMITIC

I was distressed to read your article concerning the reception given to Preston Manning by the Jewish community in Toronto (*CJN*, Jan. 21). I have heard Manning speak on several occasions and I have throughly familiarized myself with the principle and policies of the Reform Party.

It is my considered opinion that Manning is the most forthright, delightfully ingenuous, and intellectually alert political leader in Canada today. Surely, your reporter could have found *someone* in the audience who found Manning to be neither "frightening," nor "a little disturbing" nor "dangerous." Such statements are gratuitous and jejune. One expects more from the leadership of Canadian Jewry.

S. J. Stern M.D.
Ajax, Ont.

Opinion

Assimilation statistics give cause for concern

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Among the many publications that reach my desk every day of the week one caught my eye. It was called *Jews for Judaism — Life-line* and had the subheading "Whoever saves a single Jewish soul is as if he saved an entire world" (a quotation from the Talmud). The little four page publication is produced in Toronto.

The headline it carried on the first page intrigued me: Recent survey results startling — one third of Jews change religion. I promised myself to study this rather startling announcement, but the print was so small and my magnifying glass unfindable so that I postponed the reading. But today I had a chance to make up for it, and since many of my readers will probably have received the same information, I want to give you my reaction.

To begin with, Jews for Judaism is a most attractive title, and its intent is doubtlessly shared by the vast majority of our people. We want to make our religion real in whatever form that might be, as a life-line for ourselves.

The editor, Julius Ciss, informs us that a survey commissioned by the graduate school of City University of New York had polled 113,000 American households for about a year.

Rabbi Plaut

It found that Jews now comprise fewer than two percent of the total American population or about 3.14 million adults, which means that including children there are something like 4.3 million Jews in the United States — substantially fewer than the 5.5 or 6 million figure to which we were accustomed.

But now back to the frightening headline that one third of our people have changed their religion.

As I studied the article more closely I came across the following statements: 6 percent of our people whose ethnic origin is Jewish say that they are now Protestants; another 5 percent call themselves Catholics, and one percent identify themselves as Christians without specifying a denomination.

These figures are bad enough, for if in fact they are accurate it means that in this generation 12 percent of American Jews have not only not practiced their religion but have accepted another faith. The cause is probably not difficult to find: it is a result of mixed marriages. We often think that in such instances the couple are religiously "nothing" or that the gentile partner will convert to Judaism. We forget that, as the study shows, the ball often rolls the other way.

Quite properly, Professor Jack Wertheimer of the Jewish Theological Seminary says: "This is a phenomenon which has been underestimated. We have paid more attention to cults, but a far larger population of Jews is joining mainstream churches, whether Protestant, Evangelical or Catholic."

However, this is not the same as the scary headline *that one third of our people have changed their religion*. I must confess that I was put off by this discrepancy — but not enough to lesson my worry over the reported 12 percent who have apparently defected.

It is obviously a delusion to believe that ethnicity will keep our people Jewish. Those who have spent their lives promoting religious principles have always preached this — and all the various denominational groups are united on that subject.

What conclusion I draw primarily from this is that, for one, the problem of mixed marriage must be high on the communal agenda. Two, that instead of spending our energy on interdenominational debates, we ought to make a common front and pull together. Judaism without religion will not perpetuate the Jewish people — and certainly not in the Diaspora. What it will mean for Israel is another question.

As for us, I would plead once again with all streams of Judaism to lay their factional differences aside for the moment and engage in a common, vigorous strategy that will bring our secularized community back into the vortex of our faith. We must indeed all be "Jews for Judaism" in the largest and most urgent sense.

Netanyahu likely to become new Likud leader

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

It looks as if Benjamin (Bibi) Netanyahu will be Likud's next leader. Netanyahu, 43, is poised to succeed Yitzhak Shamir, who has led the party since Menachem Begin's abrupt resignation in 1983. Shamir indicated he would step down after Likud was defeated in last summer's national election.

Netanyahu is not only leading in the polls. Last November, he overrode opposition from his rivals and convinced the party's central committee to adopt a far-reaching electoral proposal under which Likud's new chair will automatically be its candidate for prime minister.

As a result of his tactical triumph, which was supported by 74 percent of the delegates, Netanyahu will be at a great advantage next month when Likud's primary takes place. Indeed, Netanyahu is virtually assured of victory.

The second strongest contender for Shamir's job is David Levy, the former foreign minister. The darkhorses are, in descending order, Ze'ev (Benny) Begin, son of the late premier; Moshe Katsav, the ex-minister of labor and social affairs; and Meir Sheetrit, the onetime treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

Ariel Sharon, the former minister of defence, withdrew from the race. But analysts haven't discounted the possibility that he will re-enter the fray. Like Netanyahu, Sharon is exceedingly ambitious, and hungers to be prime minister.

Moshe Arens, who was once regarded as Shamir's logical successor, dropped out of the race after the June 1992 general election, claiming he didn't much like politics. During Likud's 15-year reign, Arens served as Israeli ambassador to the United States as well as minister of defence and foreign affairs.

Whoever succeeds Shamir, a lacklustre figure who was viewed as a symbol of old-fashioned backroom politics, will take over a party locked in debt and beset by demoralization. Likud is reportedly about $15 million in the red, and its resounding setback in last year's election touched off a chain of bickering, backstabbing and intrigue which has yet to subside.

Benjamin Netanyahu

A recent sex scandal, with Netanyahu at its vortex, was symptomatic of the fierce rivalries which have shaken Likud of late.

Last month, Netanyahu's third wife, Sarah, received an anonymous telephone call demanding that her husband withdraw from the leadership race. If he did not do so, the caller threatened, a video cassettee showing him in intimate poses with another woman would be released to the press. In response, Netanyahu acknowledged his extramarital affair, but accused "a senior figure in the Likud" of blackmail.

David Levy, Netanyahu's bitterest foe, sharply condemned the blackmailer. But in a revealing aside, the Levy camp branded the affair as "a gimmick" staged by Netanyahu. This rebuff was not entirely surprising, since Levy and Netanyahu are barely on speaking terms. When Levy was foreign minister, he ousted Netanyahu, his deputy, from the foreign ministry. And in a face-saving solution, Netanyahu was shunted to the prime minister's office.

Levy's animosity toward Netanyahu is rooted in his conviction that his younger rival is an interloper. Levy regards himself as Shamir's heir-apparent and thus views Netanyahu's challenge with a mixture of annoyance and disdain.

The contrast between Levy and Netanyahu couldn't be sharper.

Levy, the son of poor Moroccan immigrants, is a self-made man, a proud, petulant, touchy individual whose power base is his working-class Sephardi constituency. Levy, who was a construction worker in his formative years, did not go to university, nor does he speak English.

Netanyahu, whose father was a professor, grew up in the United States and had all the benefits of a solidly middle-class upbringing. He parachuted into politics in 1982, when his powerful mentor, Moshe Arens, appointed him deputy chief of mission at Israel's embassy in Washington. He was then promoted ambassador to the United Nations.

Netanyahu's detractors claim that he traded on his late brother's martyrdom (Yoni Netanyahu, an officer in the Israeli army, was killed during the 1976 Entebbe raid.) But even his critics concede that he is a forceful speaker and a master of the television soundbite. During the Gulf War and the opening round of the Madrid peace process, the telegenic Netanyahu was often Israel's chief spokesman, much to Levy's chagrin.

After Likud's rout in the general election and Shamir's announcement of his imminent retirement, Netanyahu rushed to fill the looming vacuum. He appeared in rallies, pressed the flesh in smaller meetings, turned up in TV interviews and bought newspaper ads blaring the slogan, "We're going for a new leadership." Netanyahu's campaign is reportedly funded, in part, by a rich coterie of supporters in the United States.

Netanyahu presents himself as a reformer. In an article he wrote for the *Jerusalm Post* last August, he observed: "Reconstituting the Likud starts with rebuilding the voters' trust in it. Most of those who left the party in the recent elections did not reject its... policies. Rather, they felt a deep sense of revulsion at the endless personal strife that tore the party apart; the intrigues, the deals, the petty antagonisms..."

David Levy

In this spirit, Netanyahu claims that the Likud primary scheduled for March — the centrepiece of his leadership bid — is a shining example of his commitment to renewal and democracy.

In foreign policy, Netanyahu is an unreconstructed hawk.

As a Greater Israel ideologue, he totally rejects the land-for-peace formula which is at the heart of the Labor party's platform. In his view, Israel should maintain control of the territories and redouble its efforts to build settlements there.

Netanyahu argues that the Rabin government has no mandate to make territorial concessions to Syria on the Golan Heights, and warns that Syria could use the Golan as a springboard for launching a new war.

He subscribes to the belief that the Palestinians already have a state in Jordan, and that there is no need for a "second Palestinian state" between Israel and the Jordan River.

Netanyahu will have plenty of opportunities to test these themes if, as expected, he leads the Likud into the next general election.

Oy! And you thought you had a long day

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

"Okay, kids, it's time to get up."

"But I'm sleepy. But I'm cold."

"Sorry, it really is time. You leave for school in 45 minutes, and I still haven't made your lunches."

"But maybe it's Shabbat and we don't have to go."

"Sorry, no. Two more days. Now get dressed, please."

"Can I wear my tutu?"

"Nope. You can put it on after school."

"But I can't find my uniform. I wanna wear my tutu."

"Check your closet."

"It's not in my closet."

"Check your closet."

"It's not...oh, here it is. But I can't find my sneakers. I can't find my backpack."

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"Come on, breakfast is ready."

"Can I have pancakes instead?"

Get up on time and I'll be able to make you pancakes."

"Can I have the oatmeal with the six fruits and the maple and honey and brown sugar in it?"

"Sure. Tonight. For dessert."

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"Whaddya put in my lunch?

"Peanut butter sandwich, apple juice, a pear, carrot sticks, pretzels and a cookie."

"Ah, Ma, I'm gonna starve. Can I buy a soda?"

"Please."

Erica Meyer Rauzin

"Please, can I buy a soda?"

"May."

Please, may I buy a soda?"

"No."

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"Okay, time to go. Daddy's in the car waiting for you. Did you put your homework in your backpacks last night?"

"Mom, I'm supposed to bring in flowery seeds. Mommy, I need a pioneer girl apron."

"Flowery seeds?"

"Yeah, it's a project. I forgot."

"A pioneer apron."

"Yeah, white with ruffles."

"Well, I'll buy seeds and drop them off at school later. Here, take this apron."

"But, Mom, it says, 'For this I spent four years in college.' I'm just in first grade. And...a pioneer girl wouldn't wear this."

"A pioneer who forgot to ask her Mom for an apron until 8:20 in the morning would wear it and she'd be glad to get it. Have a good day, girls. Love you!"

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"Good night, sweeties. Sleep well."

"But Mom, I'm wide awake. I'm hot. I'm hungry. I'm thirsty. I want another story. I want another hug. I forgot to practice piano. I need a hammer and nails for school tomorrow."

"We'll worry about it in the morning. Hush now, go to sleep."

"Mom, I'm not tired, honest. This is boring. I'm not at all sleepy. Look, I'm super awake. Really...I'm just, I'm just resting my eyes."

Features

Pier 21 — gateway to Canada

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

We — my parents and I — arrived in Canada in February 1948 from a displaced person's camp in Germany. I was an infant. My parents — David and Genya — were Nazi concentration camp survivors from Poland.

Our port of entry was Halifax. Our debarkation point was Pier 21, a long, grim-looking shed through which one-third of all immigrants to Canada were funnelled during the short-lived era of ocean liners.

Of the estimated 1.2 million immigrants who passed through Pier 21, at least 100,000 were refugees and displaced persons, like my parents and myself. So it was with some sense of anticipation that I visited, or rather revisited, Pier 21 recently.

Opened in 1928, when Canada's immigration policy was informed by a spirit of generosity, Pier 21 was closed in 1971, after ocean traffic had all but ceased and the processing of immigrants had been radically decentralized and moved to airport immigration centres across the country, write Trudy Duivenvoorden Mitic and John LeBlanc in *Pier 21: The Gateway That Changed Canada*.

Nowadays, Pier 21 is empty, save for the rare occasion when it is used as a flour exporting facility. And it suffers from neglect. Along the breezy sea wall, weeds sprout through gaps, while bird droppings and feathers whiten the concrete floor.

Erected as a replacement for Pier 2, an aging structure which could no longer cope with the tide of humanity inundating Canada, Pier 21 was a versatile building. Freight was unloaded on the first storey, while immigrants were processed on the second floor. There was a spacious reception hall, waiting rooms, two kitchens and cafeterias, a canteen, a nursery, a hospital, a detention area and dormitories.

The Jewish Immigrant Aid Society maintained a presence, receiving and resettling Jewish immigrants. Nearly all the new arrivals continued their journey westward by rail. Pier 21 was connected to a railway station, from which we boarded a train to Montreal and a new life.

Members of Halifax's Jewish community welcomed the immigrants, helping them through the formalities of landing, supplying them with food and tending to their general needs before their departure to further destinations. Very few remained in Halifax.

Among those in the reception committee were Morris Goldberg, a merchant, and Sarah Yablon, the current secretary of the Halifax Jewish Historical Society.

Most of all, Goldberg recalls the Jewish orphans who were admitted in the late 1940s. Without exception, they touched his heart. For her part, Yablon remembers a 17-year-old Montreal-bound orphan named Bela Liberman, whom she and her husband invited to their home.

"She didn't say much. We didn't ask questions. We felt we would be intruding." Since then, Yablon has not heard from Bela Liberman. She would like nothing better than to re-establish contact with her.

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Although Pier 21 lies neglected and forlorn, it has become the object of renewed interest in Halifax:

•In the late 1970s, the Nova Scotia branch of Employment and Immigration Canada published a brief history of immigration through the port of Halifax.

•In March 1988, a commemorative ceremony was held on the site to mark the 60th anniversary of Pier 21's opening.

•In August 1991, the Pier 21 Society was established with the intention of restoring the site.

The original founding members of the society include John LeBlanc, the former director-general of Employment and Immigration Canada in Nova Scotia; Barbara Campbell, executive director of the Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia; Ruth Goldbloom, a prominent member of the Halifax Jewish community; and Trudy Mitic, whose mother was a Dutch war bride.

"We want to bring Pier 21 back to life," said Goldbloom, a native of New Waterford, N.S., a member of the Order of Canada and a former regent of Mount Allison University.

Pier 21, she explained, could be transformed into a living museum. "Canada is ready for its own Ellis Island." It could also serve as a citizenship court and multicultural centre.

Campbell has visions of fusing the museum concept with business offices, boutiques and a centre for the performing arts.

LeBlanc, a ninth-generation Canadian of Acadian origin and a veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force's Bomber Command, hopes that Pier 21 can be turned into a local landmark with national significance.

"It could be a symbol of Canadian unity and pride, as well as an enormous tourist attraction," he said in an interview.

LeBlanc added that Pier 21 is unique, being the only facility of its kind in Canada which hasn't fallen to the wrecker's ball. "Similar facilities in Vancouver, Quebec City, Montreal and St. John are gone," he lamented.

By contrast, LeBlanc pointed out, the Halifax Port Corporation — which owns the land on which Pier 21 is located — is interested in developing the site.

The provincial government has expressed interest in the project: Nova Scotia's ministry of Tourism and Culture helped launch the society with a $2,000 kickstart grant.

The society, LeBlanc said, has reached the point where a feasibility study can now be undertaken. And he is optimistic that Pier 21 will be revitalized. "I'm convinced that our goals can be met in the next few years."

For further information, contact the Pier 21 Society, PO Box 2024, Station M, 1869 Upper Water Street, Halifax, N.S., B3J2Z1.

Sheldon Kirshner revisits Pier 21 in Halifax. [Morris Goldberg photo]

Mideast Analysis

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Bosnian war triggers Muslim revulsion

The civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina has triggered revulsion throughout the Muslim world as well as tension between Islam and the West.

Since last year, when Bosnia-Herzegovina unilaterally seceded from the Serbian-dominated Yugoslav federation, Serb nationalists, yearning for a Greater Serbia and aided and abetted by the Yugoslavian armed forces, have victimized Bosnia's Muslims in a policy known as "ethnic cleansing." Before the latest violence, Muslims comprised 44 percent of Bosnia's population.

In a stinging indictment of the Serbs, the U.S. State Department has accused Serbian militias of atrocities "on a scale that dwarfs anything seen in Europe since Nazi times."

As Muslims are murdered, raped, terrorized and displaced, Islamic anger rises. Lawrence Eagleburger, the former U.S. secretary of state, warned that the West's failure to stop the killings was breeding resentment among Islamic nations, including staunch American allies like Saudi Arabia and Turkey. Lord Owen, the European Community mediator in Yugoslovia, said that if Europe does not help the Bosnian Muslims, the West may regret it for generations to come.

In response to the crisis, Arab governments have shipped food, medicine and arms to the beleaguered Bosnians, while several hundred Muslim volunteers, some seasoned veterans of the Afghanistan war, have joined the Bosnian army.

While calling on the United Nations to lift its arms embargo on Yugoslavia, Muslim states have supplied the under-equipped Bosnian forces with assault rifles, mortars and rockets.

Iran — which has denounced the Serbian attacks on Muslims as genocidal and a prelude of a "new Crusade of Christians against Muslims" — has been particularly active in funnelling weaponry to the Bosnians. Last September, the Croatian government detained an Iranian Boeing 747 crammed with arms in Zagreb airport. Officially on a mission to deliver "relief supplies" to Bosnia's Muslims, the plane contained 4,00 guns and about one million rounds of ammunition.

In recent months, Muslim volunteers from Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Sudan, Algeria and Pakistan have bolstered the ranks of the Bosnians. The majority, calling themselves holy warriors, are Islamic fundamentalists. More often than not, they've been spurred into action by widely-circulated, gruesome video cassettes which draw a direct parallel between the current strife and the Holocaust.

As might be expected, the Muslim media have played up the Bosnian story, sometimes at the expense of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Iran's minister for Islamic propaganda claims that the Bosnian problem has become "the most important for the Islamic world." This is debatable, but it demonstrates the depth of feeling.

Although Saudi Arabia and Turkey have been in the forefront of spotlighting the Bosnian tragedy, Iran appears to have emerged as the Bosnians' most vocal supporter.

Apart from its military assistance, Iran has called for the establishment of a pan-Islamic army to fight alongside Bosnia, and vaguely threatened the Serbs with retaliatory blows. In Teheran, Iran's president, Hashemi Rafsanjani, recently assured Alija Izett ovic, Bosnia's visiting president, of "more sig ificant aid."

By way of defending their cause, the Christian Orthodox Serbs have harped on Iran's involvement in the Yugoslavian quagmire to warn that Islamic fundamentalism may spill into the heart of Europe. At present, the Bosnian Muslims are largely secular, and the Bosnian leadership disclaims any interest in establishing a Muslim state.

The Serbs have also cast themselves as perpetual victims of history. In the 15th century, they were overrun by the Ottoman Empire, which introduced Islam to the region. Later, they were dominated by the Catholic Austro-Hungarian Empire. During World War II, they were occupied by the Nazis and terrorized by the pro-German Croat puppet state. And now, they claim disengenuously, they are holding back the tide of Islamic fundamentalism.

Paradox of anti-Semitism

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

Anti-Semitism in America today constitutes something of a paradox.

The reality, experts say, is that Jews no longer face serious discrimination in American society — not in the community, the workplace, politics or academia.

But American Jews are convinced more than ever that anti-Semitism remains a serious threat, although few have encountered any real bias themselves.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's first annual tally of bias crimes nationwide covered 1991 and showed that Jews were by far the most targeted religious group, accounting for about 17 percent of all bias incident victims, behind only African Americans and whites as an ethnic group.

And the Anti-Defamation League's 1991 *Audit of Anti-Semitism Incidents* documented an 11 percent upswing in the number of anti-Jewish acts over the previous year.

There were 1,879 anti-Semitic incidents in 1991, by ADL's count.

But there has been little distinction made publicly between the type of wholesale discrimination against Jews that existed just a generation ago, and the more obvious, but less threatening, expressions of anti-Semitism that exist today.

The very lumping together of graffiti and epithets with occasional acts of violence in order to emphasize an upward trend in anti-Semitism may obscure the issue and raise undue alarm.

Even so, surveys show that the number of people who hold the attitudes which could lead them to commit acts of anti-Semitism is on a slow but consistent decline.

In fact, if anti-Semitism is measured by how secure Jews can feel in America, and how open America's economic, political and educational systems are to Jews, then even the bad news is not bad, say sociologists.

American Jews are "more secure today than they have ever been in this century, in this country, and perhaps in the history of the Diaspora," wrote anti-Semitism expert Earl Raab in a 1989 essay.

Of course, some private clubs continue to exclude Jews, and David Duke, the Ku Klux Klan and other white racists continue to scapegoat Jews. Furthermore, a large handful of extremely visible black Afro-centric activists and scholars posit that Jews are disproportionately responsible for their oppression.

But in the context of daily life in America, by any measure, Jews face far less discrimination today than existed only 20 years ago.

Only one generation ago, Jews were not permitted to buy houses in certain neighborhoods, to climb past a certain rung in the corporate heirarchy in many professions and firms, and were considered generally undesirable by other ethnic groups.

A generation before that, most colleges and professions were closed to Jews completely.

Widespread anti-Jewish discrimination, political anti-Semitism and the inability or reluctance of the Jewish community to express itself on issues of concern to the body politic are simply no longer factors in American life, said Jerome Chanes, co-director of domestic concerns at the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

Anti-Semitism has evolved into a bifurcated phenomenon: fewer Americans than ever before hold negative attitudes about Jews, but those who do have negative attitudes are more likely to express them in acts of anti-Semitic vandalism.

But this trend of bigots expressing themselves more freely with epithets and vandalism "has less to do with anti-Semitism than with the nature of conflicts in American society and inter-ethnic phemomena," said Chanes.

Still, poll after poll shows that American Jews say that anti-Semitism is bad and getting worse.

In a 1983 survey of American Jews conducted by the American Jewish Committee, about half the respondents said that anti-Semitism was a serious problem.

By 1988, the percentage of Jews sho said it was a serious problem had jumped to 76 percent, and in the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey, that figure rose again to 85 percent.

The contradiction was illuminated by a poll of rabbis in the early 1980s, according to Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL.

Almost all the rabbis surveyed — 95 percent — said that anti-Semitism was a serious problem in America.

But when asked it it was a serious problem in their own communities, nearly all said no, the anti-Semitism was elsewhere.

And only one of 10 American Jews has personally experienced anti-Semitism within the last 10 years, said Raab, director of Brandeis University's Perlmutter Institute for Jewish Advocacy, in an interview.

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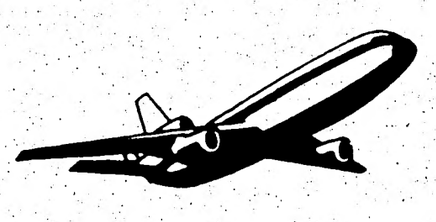

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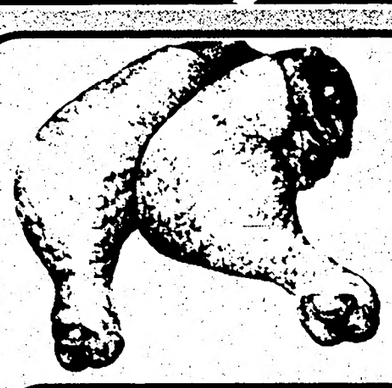

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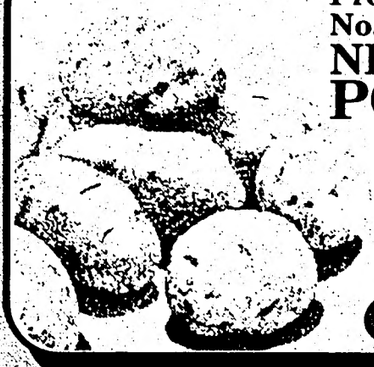
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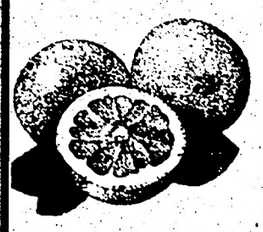

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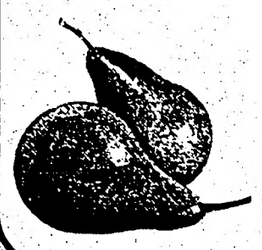

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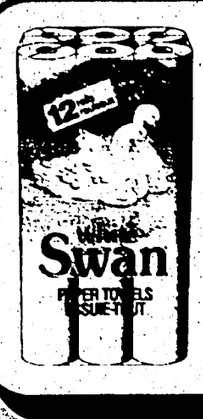

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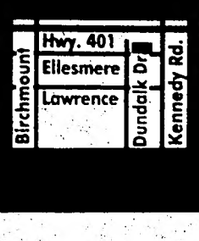

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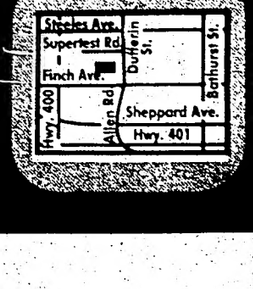

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Halacha must be considered in living wills: rabbis

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Decisions concerning critical and terminal care, particularly when dealing with comatose or mentally incompetent patients, must be dealt with on an individual basis, agreed a panel discussing the issue of living wills recently.

Rabbi Mark Dratch of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, the host synagogue, Dr. Michel Silberfeld, coordinator of the Bayerest Centre Competency Clinic; Dr. Nachum Berlat, director of pastoral care at Bayerest; and chair Rabbi Steven Cohen of Kehillat Shaarei Torah, were discussing the subject in light of the Ontario Government's proposed Substitute Decisions Act.

This act will in all likelihood take effect in the summer of 1994, according to Carla McKague, legal counsel to the advocacy project proposing the bill.

It will enable people, when in full command of their faculties, to direct what kind of treatment, if any, they wish to have if they become unable to make that decision on their own. They will also be able to appoint someone to make those decisions for them.

According to halacha, the issue is not so straightforward, as there are religious considerations to be taken into account.

Sanctity of life

"Halacha insists on the sanctity of every second of life," Rabbi Cohen said.

Berlat noted that secular society, on the other hand, stresses the quality of life.

It is important, he said, to distinguish between the needs of the patient, and the needs of the family and the staff.

"The patient's hurting can usually be controlled [by drugs, for instance], but the family is not only hurting emotionally, but in a quandary about what decision is right and what is wrong."

As well, he said, there might well be differences of opinion between family members, and between patient and family.

He told about an 18-year-old woman with cancer, who eventually became so ill she was on a respirator, and it was not certain whether she was in fact alive or dead.

The parents, he said, were under such a strain about whether or not to remove the respirator, that they divorced.

Eventually, Berlat said, the late Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, one of the leading modern halachic authorities, ruled that the next time the respiration tube was removed for cleaning, she be left for six minutes. If she did not breathe on her own in that time, then she would be declared dead.

That is, in fact, what happened.

Other problems centre around food, fluid and medication. What happens, for instance, Berlat asked, when the Lou Gehrig's disease patient refuses food, thus in effect asking to die, or the advanced cancer patient does not wish further treatment.

"My function as a resource person," he said, is to act as a consultant to both the patient and the family, to know their needs, to explain the halacha.

The basic question is, he said, "to what extent do I have control over my body. To what extent do my surrogate and I have the right to make those decisions, and in consultation with whom."

Giving the rabbinical point of view, Rabbi Dratch said there is a Biblical obligation to save life, one's own and another's, and a definite injunction against murder.

Active euthanasia, such as practiced by the so-called "suicide doctor" Jack Kervorkian, Rabbi Dratch said, is absolutely forbidden. A corollary would be that refusing or withholding basic nourishment is also forbidden.

He quoted Rabbi Moshe Isserles, author of the *Shulchan Aruch*, as saying that when a person is in the last stage of the dying process, one is forbidden to do anything, even touch them, in case that would hasten death.

On the other hand, if something is "hindering the soul's departure," such as a noise outside the room, that noise may be stopped.

It may be permissible, according to some scholars, to stop treatment which is only preventing death. Rabbi Chaim David Halevi, Rabbi Dratch said, allowed the removal of artificial respiration in that case.

Each case, he emphasized, must be judged on its own merits, in consultation with competent medical and rabbinical authorities.

Advanced directives

He cited the famous story of Rabbi Judah the Prince, Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi, who was suffering greatly at the end of his life. The rabbis were praying that he should live.

His maidservant went to the roof and prayed that their prayers be answered, until she realized how much he was suffering.

She then, recounted Rabbi Dratch, threw a jar down to the ground. The rabbis stopped praying for an instant, and "his soul entered into rest."

There comes a time, the rabbi said, when we can stop praying. "There is ample room in our tradition for mixed feelings.

Rabbi Dratch discussed two "advanced directives," examples of living wills, one from the Rabbinical Council of America (R.C.A. — usually considered centrist Orthodox) and one from Agudath Israel of America.

Agudah, he explained, says that everything must be done to save life, and appoints a surrogate who will ensure that this is followed.

The R.C.A. gives one the right to say no in certain situations, although never the right to refuse food and so on.

Rabbi Feinstein, he noted, ruled that if one is in unspeakable pain, resuscitation is not commanded.

Silverfeld said that the living will not only ensures that the person's specific desires are met, but can overcome conflicts between family members and protect the staff.

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Seen at BBC's Institute for International Affairs' round-table discussion and luncheon are (from left) Paul Marcus, Dr. Lawrence Hart, Jillian Cohen, Sharon Lavine, U.S. Consul General Michael Durkee, and Larry Grossman.

Consul reviews changes affecting U.S.-Israel ties

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

The level of tolerance in U.S.-Israel relations has narrowed over time, an American consular official said recently at a luncheon meeting sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada (BBC).

"We have had the benefit within the past week or so of a very revealing glimpse of both the continuity and change in U.S.-Israel Relations," said Michael L. Durkee, the consul general of the United States.

The consul-general was the guest at a round-table discussion held in the Price Waterhouse boardroom by BBC's Institute for International Affairs which features leading Canadian and international personalities in its ongoing series. The institute consists of academics, lawyers, and experts in international affairs. More than 30 young leaders attended the session titled Evolving American-Israel Relations.

The series is co-chaired by Sharon Lavine, a lawyer with Greenspan Humphrey Barristers and Cohen, a government relations consultant with S. A. Murray Consulting Inc. Larry Grossman, national vice-president of BBC brought greetings from the executive.

Dr. Lawrence Hart, central region chair of the institute, introduced Durkee who served in the United States Army in Germany from 1963 to 1965 and joined the foreign service in 1967. He served in Ecuador, Norway, Chile and Finland and as the U.S. delegate to the UN Disarmament Conference.

Durkee, who said he would speak "purely as an individual" clarified that he had never served in the Middle East but added that most diplomats were familiar with the Middle Eastern situation "which has been one of the major fault lines and sources of tension." He also offered a disclaimer that he could not speak for the Clinton administration which will take some time in developing positions on various issues.

Americans, he said have come to admire what Israel has achieved in creating a modern democracy in an ancient and not terribly hospitable part of the world. "I think, as before, there is an enormous reservoir of respect, goodwill and support for Israel. We have great respect for Israel's determination to survive despite the frequent hostility and constant criticism."

He believes that the Clinton administration will follow "some of the principal lines that all American administrators have followed" since the establishment of the state of Israel and "continue to treat Israel not just as another friendly state, but as a close ally."

He cited the reaction of the United States towards the threat of the U.N. Security Council's sanctions aimed against Israel. Durkee noted that the elements of continuity were evident "in the sense that we are always trying to avoid situations in which Israel is pushed into a corner and being bullied or mistreated."

Two changes, he noted, have affected the situation in the Middle East. The collapse of the Soviet empire certainly changes a number of considerations, such as adjustments in the behavior, rhetoric and policies of some of the Arab governments.

"Maybe not to the extent that we all like but change is taking place. In general, I would say that this change is positive." Although some believe that the absence of the Cold War gives less priority to the maintenance of the U.S.-Israel relationship, "I don't believe that this is true. I think it creates more opportunities for both sides."

He cautioned that there is one area of change which he believes carries with it certain dangers. He referred to recent events including the deportation "of an entire group without any prior separate legal actions to establish guilt or innocence and expulsion of territories which in the view of the United States, Canada and most other governments, are covered in the Geneva Convention."

He noted that world affection has been focused on how Israel deals with the inescapable reality of the territories. The deportations, the destruction of houses and closing of schools cannot help having a significant impact on the United States, Canada and elsewhere in democratic countries.

Acknowledging that Israel is being assessed by different standards than other Middle East groups, he said, "Israelis may see it as necessary within the name of national security, but when this is done and presented on TV screens around the world, it immediately raises questions as to Israel's respect for some kind of democratic values — of individual rights that all of us share."

He questioned how to create a lasting peace when actions are taken that seem to increase the level of distrust and hatred. He believes that the current Israel government underestimated the strength of the reaction.

In a lively question and answer session, Durkee fielded numerous areas of concern including the plight of Jonathan Pollard, the peace process, lobbying, terrorists, Iran, neo-Nazis and setting new standards in the United Nations.

On reports that Hamas is operating in the United States, Durkee commented that consultations are going on between the United States, Israel and others.

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Unified Jerusalem discussed

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO —

What is problematic about Jerusalem is that too many people — among them, Muslims, Christians and Jews — love the city too much, said Noam Zion, director of the Baltimore Centre for Jewish Values at Jerusalem's Hartman Institute, at the Holy Blossom Temple recently.

"The reunification of the city left out the Christians and the Muslims," says Zion, speaking on the subject Jerusalem: The Politics of Irreconcilable Dreams. "The conflict has become extreme because Jerusalem has become a Jewish city."

He fears the consequences of the inevitable stepping down of the popular and conciliatory 82-year-old mayor, Teddy Kollek, and the then possible disintegration of the political party the mayor founded.

Zion said Kollek tried to solve the most pressing conflict, the one between Muslims and Jews, by creating separate neighborhoods for both groups. "Kollek has been opposed to Jews being established in Arab/Muslim neighborhoods and the village of Silwan [Shiloah]," he says.

He pointed to the division within the Jewish community, noting that religious Zionists feel parts of the Muslim neighborhood and the village of Silwan [Shiloah] should rightfully be Jewish.

Regarding the disagreement that divides the Jewish community, Zion said that with the creation of Israel, religious Zionists and the ultra-Orthodox feel messianic forces are at work. They think all Jews will eventually join them, he went on. In England, he pointed out, a similar disagreement between the Puritans and the Anglicans was resolved by deciding that the battle over ultimate truth cannot be settled in this world.

Religious Zionists, the ultra-Orthodox and fundamentalist Christians are all convinced the Messiah is coming to Jerusalem, he says.

Zion joked that when the Messiah arrives, greeted by Jews and Christians, the Jews will ask "Have you been here before?" If it is his first time, the Jews are right, and if it is his second time, the Christians are right, he commented.

"Jerusalem is the battle for who controls history and who God chooses — you or someone else," he said.

Jerusalem is the centre of a region that connects three great continents, Asia, Africa and Europe, Zion observed, and it is also the highest point of the area. It was believed, he explained, that the highest point topographically is the place that is closest to God.

He said the moment King David made Jerusalem his capital the civil war between the north and the south stopped, adding that he made the city the capital in order to unite the country. "David united it to create a centre," he says.

"David and Solomon ruled Jerusalem for 80 years. They created a symbol of unity, by the power of songs and symbolism, for the Jewish people for 3,000 years."

Jewish nationalism — Zion — was named after the city, Zion said, as it gives both meaning and national identity to a whole land. "Jerusalem is the politics of dreams and the politics of the songs you sing about the place."

The Holy Land, and especially Jerusalem, symbolized religion to the Christians at the time of the Crusades, he pointed out, and so they had to possess the place in order to possess religion. Since then the spiritual aspect of Christianity has superseded the physical one, he explained, and Jerusalem as a symbol is more important to them than the actual place.

Muhammed originally prayed to Jerusalem, not Mecca, according to Zion. He added that Muhammed was deeply influenced by Jewish stories and that some of them made their way into the early Koran.

He said the Muslims directly took over some Jewish symbols and therefore Jerusalem got the status of third holy site in the Muslim world.

As far as the future of the city goes, Zion feels there is little to be optimistic about. "I see nothing to be optimistic about in the Muslim world," he says, nor does he see any possibility for tolerance in the religious Zionist and ultra-Orthodox community. The only positive note comes from the Vatican, he concluded, which is making moves to recognize Israel.

U.I.A. planning fundraising mission to Moscow, Israel

TORONTO —

United Israel Appeal (UIA) Canada will be running a fundraising mission to Moscow and Israel in the spring of 1993. The National Communities Mission will spend three days in Moscow where participants will obtain a hands-on view of Jewish life in the new Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Included in the itinerary are visits to the Great Moscow Synagogue, the Steinsaltz Yeshiva, and a reception at the Israeli Embassy where they will meet Ambassador Bar Lev, and witness the processing of immigrants. Upon the conclusion of the Moscow leg of the mission, participants will depart together with a group of CIS Jews on their way to making aliyah to Israel.

In Israel, participants will gain insight into important issues currently facing Israel through briefings from top politicians, military experts and scholars and through contact with a cross-section of Israelis from all walks of life. Mission participants will also take part in ceremonies honoring Israel's fallen soldiers on Israel's Remembrance Day and celebrate Israel's 45th year of independence on Yom Ha'atzmaut. In addition to the above, the group will see, firsthand, the numerous programs and projects throughout Israel funded by UIA dollars, with special emphasis on the absorption of Russian and Ethiopian olim.

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Sunday, Feb. 21

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Everyone in grades 7 and 8, ages 12 or 13, is invited to join B'nai Brith Youth Organization Teen Connection members on a mystery bus tour of Toronto, Sunday, Feb. 21. Meet at the JCC North branch, 4588 Bathurst St., 12:30 p.m. Return by 5. Cost (including transportation and any admission charges) only $7 non-members, $5 members. Teen Connection memberships are available for $20 until June 1993 or $30 until June 1994. For more information, call **Steve Greenwood,** 635-9411.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST LECTURES

Lynn Adirim, a social worker with the Toronto Board of Education, will examine The Place of the Adolescent in Society at the next Sunday breakfast lecture at Holy Blossom Temple, Sunday, Feb. 21. Service 9 a.m. Breakfast follows. All welcome.

JEWISH VIEW OF MARRIAGE

Entertainment and Cultural Connection presents writer/speaker/teacher **Lori Palatnik,** who will discuss Falling in Love, Staying in Love - Jewish View of Marriage, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. All ages invited. Coffee, cake, conversation. Members free. Guests $2. Co-ordinators are **Sandra** and **Gerry Genesove.**

WOMEN'S CELEBRATION

A women's Rosh Chodesh celebration at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, exults in the richness of Jewish women's experiences in praying, learning and living. Speakers include **Rabbi Mark Dratch, Dr. Shoshana Kurtz, Dr. Elaine M. Todres, Hilda Weil** and **Dr. Shoshana Zolty.** Luncheon will be served, $5 per person. Childcare available. For information and reservations, call 789-3213.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Development, Investment and The Jewish Community, will be probed when **Reuven (Randy) Spiegel,** associate to the director of endowment fund, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, addresses Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club, Sunday, Feb. 21, following 9 a.m. services.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Preliminary heats, ages 15-18, in the Canadian Zionist Federation public speaking competition will be held Sunday, Feb. 21 at the following locations, 10 a.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation, 100 Elder St.; 10 a.m., Shaar Shalom Congregation, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill; 11 a.m., Congregation Or Shalom, 534 Huron St., London.

CONGREGATION KESHET SHALOM

Congregation Keshet Shalom plans a discussion forum on Jewish/Gay Humor, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 in the Party Room, 25 Maitland St. east of Yonge. Refreshments. Recommended donation, $3.

GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE

A gigantic garage sale is planned from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21 at National Council of Jewish Women, 4700 Bathurst St.

Monday, Feb. 22

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Violence Against Women in Jewish Law, will be probed by Hebrew University's **Prof. Ze'ev Falk,** 12:10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 at the Faculty of Law solarium, 84 Queen's Park. Sponsors are The Jewish Students Union, Faculty of Law, Near Eastern Studies and Jewish Studies, at the University of Toronto.

FILM SERIES

Avalon, a nostalgic look at the dissolution of the Jewish extended family, suburbanization and acculturation, will be screened in a film series at Beth Tikvah Congregation, 3080 Bayview Ave., 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22. Tickets, $10, include free popcorn and drinks. Discussion. Call 221-3433.

NEUROLOGICALLY DISABLED

On Monday, Feb. 22, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., The Association for the Neurologically Disabled (AND), is holding a get-to-know-us evening at 59 Clement Rd., Richview Public School (back entrance), Etobicoke. AND provides in-the-home rehabilitation programs for brain-injured family members. Programs are individually designed for children and adults suffering from such disorders as cerebral palsy, autism, developmental delay, Down's Syndrome, learning disabilities, head injury and stroke. After coffee, speakers will be available for questions. To inquire further, call 244-1992.

ADATH ISRAEL/BETH DAVID

Adath Israel/Beth David's joint study program, The Idea of Sovereignty in Jewish Thought, continues with commentary by **Prof. Arnold Ages** on Ze'ev Jabotinskky and the Revisionist Vision, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, 55 Yeomans Rd.

DOLLS FOR DEMOCRACY

Sha'aron chapter, B'nai Brith Women, welcomes you to its Dolls for Democracy program, 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22 at Beth Tikvah Congregation, 3080 Bayview Ave.

MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR

Shaar Shalom Synagogue adult education, 2 Simonston Blvd., continues the seminar on the Middle East given by historian/author **Morton Manilla.** Second of the two-part series features Fundamentalism in the Middle East, 8-9:30 p.m. Monday, February 22. Call 889-4975 for information.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

Business and Professional Women's Network of United Jewish Appeal presents **Dr. Karen Mock,** national director, League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith, who will zero in on Combating Hate: Realities and Remedies, Tuesday, Feb. 23 at Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave. Cost, $8. RSVP to **Judith,** 635-2883 ext. 174.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst discusses Nutrition and Weaning, the last in its series of four monthly meetings. These meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers interested in information and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome. 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 20 Loma Vista, Thornhill. To inquire further phone **Joyce,** 881-8779, **Robin,** 886-8364, **Karen,** 512-7974 or **Risa,** 738-8870.

YOUR CHILDREN AND SEX

Chai chapter, Hadassah-WIZO, ages 30-40, is searching for other women as down to earth, dedicated and lively as they are, to join them. Program for the Tuesday, Feb. 23 meeting is Speaking To Your Children About Sex. For additional information call **Sharon,** 398-7151.

BOOKS AND BAGELS

Reserve now for Beth David B'nai Isral Beth Am Sisterhood's Books and Bagels, 55 Yeomans Rd., Tuesday, Feb. 23. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. will be followed by a review of the film *Crimes and Misdemeanors*, with **Heather Kassel.** Cost $6 members, $7 non-members. Call **Shirley,** 633-0164 or **Charlotte,** 636-3391.

LEUKEMIA RESEARCH MEETING

You are invited to a meeting of the Leukemia Research Fund, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the Barbara Frum Library, 3rd floor auditorium, 20 Covington Rd. (one block north of Lawrence, west of Bathurst), when pharmacist **Vivian Maxwell** will explain Side Effects of Commonly Used Drugs. For details, call 638-8522.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

CHARTING YOUR FAMILY TREE

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Canada, welcomes you to, Charting Your Family Tree, a presentation by **Cliff Collier,** a member of the Ontario Genealogical Society, 8 p.m. sharp, Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/CHILD ABUSE

Jewish Students' Union at the University of Toronto has scheduled a panel discussion, A Jewish Perspective on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, with **Rabbi Mark Dratch, P[illegible]. Tirzah Meacham** and **Marla Pinsky**, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. For more information about this and other programs, call the JSU, 923-986.

SPANISH JEWRY

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue continuing education series on Spanish Jewry regards The Jew as Citizen-Spain in the 14th Century, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24. Everyone welcome. To inquire, call 633-3838.

AWARD WINNER

Seen above is Gloria DiSanto, winner of the fifth annual Lorne Greene Memorial Award for the first year Ryerson Polytechnical Institute School of Radio and Television Arts student showing the greatest improvement. Making the presentation is Ben Nobleman, president of the Society for the Recognition of Canadian Talent. The award was initiated by the society in memory of the Canadian-born star of the TV series Bonanza, who received his start in broadcasting with the CBC.

MENDEL GREEN TO TALK

Civil rights activist and immigration lawyer **Mendel Green,** will discuss Jewish immigrants, refugees and the former Soviet Union, at the next Hillel Children's Workshop adult discussion, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, room 524 New College, 40 Willcocks St. Contact **Bob Katz,** 929-3537 for more information.

CHABAD LUBAVITCH, MARKHAM

Kabbalah, a course with **Rabbi Avraham E. Plotkin,** continues with The Paradox of Free Choice, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24 at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd. Thornhill. No charge. Call 886-0420.

HOLY BLOSSOM LUNCH & LEARN

Native Canadians **John Doran** and **Denyse Sutherland** will address Holy Blossom Lunch and Learn in Retirement 12 noon, Wednesday, Feb. 24. Program charge is $1. Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee and cookies are provided. For information call **Deborah,** 789-3291.

Thursday, Feb. 25

ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Be part of the fastest growing fundraising organization in Toronto. Join the Israel Cancer Research Fund Young Associates for an information evening 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25 at Holy Blossom Temple. Free program and no solicitation. For more information, call 487-5246.

THE CHANGING JEWISH FAMILY

Susan Jackson, director of community service, Canadian Jewish Congress, will speak on The Changing Jewish Family of the 90s, 8 p.m. Thursday Feb. 25 at Leo Baeck Day School, 34 Keaton Dr., room 207. No charge. Open to the public.

AT FOREST HILL LIBRARY

Forest Hill Public Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., features the films, *Spark Among the Ashes* and *The Stone Carvers*, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. Free admission.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

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Jordana-Yamit Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is selling candy trees for Purim. Send a sweet treat to a special friend or relative. Let your mishloach manot include these attractively wrapped kosher candy trees. Cost, $12. Free delivery. Call **Janet,** 631-0724 or **Margi,** 731-4227.

LODZER CENTRE

The Rise of Anti-Semitism in Germany and Canada will be probed by lawyer **Marvin Kurz,** 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Lodzer Centre Congregation, 12 Heaton St. (Sheppard-Bathurst). Refreshments. All welcome. No charge.

B'NAI BRITH THEATRE DRAW

"Have we got a draw for you," say B'nai Brith Upper Canada Lodge fund raising co-ordinators **Joe Chinsky** and **Russell Strauss.** Only 2,000 tickets will be sold at $5 each or six for $25. First prize is two tickets to *Miss Saigon;* second prize, two tickets to *Showboat;* third prize, two tickets to *Phantom of the Opera* (courtesy of Live Entertainment Corporation). Winning tickets will

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What's New

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be drawn Sunday, June 27, 1993.

All proceeds will support the Upper Canada Lodge North York and area community volunteer services. For tickets call **Joe Chinsky,** 225-1858 or **Russell Strauss,** 635-8854.

ADDICTIONS: JEWS NOT EXEMPT

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood, 3080 Bayview Ave., invites the community to a weekend devoted to addiction prevention and recovery. Addictions: Jews Are Not Exempt is the topic to be addressed from the bimah by social worker **Rochelle Thompson** Saturday morning. Luncheon following, by reservation only. Elements of Hope is a panel discussion, 8 p.m. Saturday evening. Cost, $3 Beth Tikvah members, $5, guests. Refreshments. On Sunday morning, 10-11 a.m., the focus is on Full Tilt, a dynamic multi-media assembly on self-esteem and substance abuse for teens 14 years and older. Cost $3 per person. Group rates available. Phone 221-3433.

PALLIATIVE CARE

The Palliative Care unit of Baycrest Hospital is looking for friendly volunteers to work with terminally ill patients and their families. Four weekly in-depth afternoon training sessions will be provided before you begin the program. If you are interested, please call 785-2850.

FOLK AND CHASSANAH DANCING

Start your day with an early morning women's Israeli folk and chassanah dance class, 9:15 a.m. Wednesdays, at B'nai Torah Synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave. Beginners welcome. For more information call **Edie,** 222-4996 or **Dahlia,** 665-5511.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

International Jewish Correspondence is a service open to all Jews regardless of age or language. To register, mail or fax an autobiographical letter accompanied by a large, stamped, self-addressed envelope to International Jewish Correspondence, c/o Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 Docteur Penfield Ave., Montreal, Quebec, H3G 1C5. FAX: (514)931-0548.

CHILDREN'S WINTER CLOTHING

Royal Canadian Legion, General Wingate branch, is collecting winter clothing for Canadian children throughout February. For pickup, please call the legion office, 782-5024 or **Oscar Adler,** 630-6431.

SOLEL - RISE OF RACISM

Report on Germany: Neo-Nazism Knows No Borders will feature **Frank Dimant,** executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at Solel Congregation, 2399 Folkway Dr., Mississauga (north of Burnhamthorpe off Erin Mills). Dimant has recently returned from a fact finding mission to assess the rise of racism in Germany and government efforts there to prevent outbreaks of violence. Admission free. For more information call 633-6224 or 566-0686.

SPEISMAN TO SPEAK

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, invites you to hear archivist **Dr. Stephen Speisman** describe The Jewish Community of Toronto - The Formative Years, 1849-1939, at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17. All welcome. Admission $5.

KIDNEY CAMPAIGN

The Kidney Foundation of Canada urgently needs volunteers to help with its annual March campaign. There are a wide variety of positions available including canvassers, team leaders and tag day participants. To help, please call 445-0373.

OHR SOMAYACH/JEP DISCUSSION

Due to the success of the lecture, Help! My Spouse is Becoming Religious, Ohr/Somayach JEP Thornhill, has organized a series of small groups starting soon, to discuss these issues on a regular basis. Couples presently involved in such a situation can contact **Rabbi Avram Rothman,** 886-5730.

CAMP WISE REUNION

Former campers and staff of Camp Wise, resident camp of the Cleveland JCC, are being sought for a reunion Aug. 28-29. Names, addresses and phone numbers, plus the year attended, age of camper and any other pertinent information is needed. The address is Camp Wise Office, Mandel Jewish Community Centre, 26001 South Woodland Rd., Beachwood, Ohio, 44122, U.S.A. For further information, call (216)831-0700 ext. 350.

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CHILDREN'S VIDEOS—

Tikvah Chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, is continuing its sale of children's videos as a major fundraiser this year. Brand new, high-quality children's videos are available for the low price of $5 each or three or more for only $4 each. You pay no tax and delivery can be arranged. Proceeds support BBW/C projects. Call **Miriam,** 731-0040 to find out more about this great offer.

BREAST SCREENING

Early detection is your best protection. Keep Abreast. Take the test. The Ontario Breast Screening program provides breast examinations and mammograms for women 50 or over, at no cost. It could save your life. To make an appointment, call the North York Women's Screening Centre, 512-0601 or the Scarborough Women's Screening Centre, 298-2626.

VOLUNTEER FOR JVS

Jewish Vocational Service is seeking volunteers. Current needs include an experienced computer support worker to assist clients. Volunteers must be knowledgeable, good at problem solving and patient. Mentors can share their professional or business experience with others interested in the same field. Please call 481-6194.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following workshops: 1. One Marriage: Two Religions, a group for engaged couples of different religions (begins March 25); 2. Parenting the Young Child (begins March 22); 3. For Women Only, to discuss relationships, self-esteem and time management (begins March 2). For more information regarding fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800.

at the JCC

Twenty Something Downtowners Club (24-35), invites you to brunch followed by a visit to the Gardiner Museum, Sunday, March 14. Meet at the Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave., 11:30 a.m. To inquire further, call **Luni,** 924-6211.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., notes that due to unforeseen circumstances, the trip to Israel has been postponed. A new discussion group will start soon. Plan now for these day trips: May 14, the ballet, *Romeo and Juliet;* June 9, the musical *Oliver;* July 22, *Damn Yankees;* August 12, *Anything Goes.* For details on activities and trips, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

Do you enjoy being with other people, the outdoors, singing and dancing? Are kosher meals important? Then **Good Fellowship Lodge,** open during July and August, is for you. On beautiful Maple Lake near Parry Sound, it is operated by the Jewish Camp Council for seniors only. Included are a synagogue, guest performers, arts and crafts, dance exercises and much more. Call 630-1180 for an application.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Feb. 22 a musical, *Israeli Children's Singing Festival,* will be shown. And celebrate at a Purim Party with entertainment by the Chromatic Band, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7 in the B'ani Brith Building. For tickets and information, call 635-5604 or 782-9432.

Bloor Y **Good Age Club,** 750 Spadina Ave., invites you to a Purim Party with entertainment by **Fay Kellerstein,** 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. Purim refreshments. Cost, $3 members, $4, non-members. Call **Luni,** 924-6211, to reserve. Board of Education-sponsored classes on knitting, and bridge are ongoing and free to seniors.

Earl Bales Seniors Club welcomes you to its next Saturday Dance, 7-10 p.m. Feb. 20 in the clubhouse. Members free, non-members, $1. Dance to a live band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 in the Community Centre. Members $3, non-members, $4. The movie, *Cocoon: The Return,* with **Don Ameche** and **Jim Croven,** will be shown 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 in the clubhouse. It's a Purim Party in the Community Centre, 2-4 p.m. Monday, March 8. Cost, $5 per person members, $6 non-members. Tickets now on sale in the office. Ongoing activities continue. For information, call the new number, 395-7881, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss, share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is Feb. 21 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the board room, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information, call **Paula David,** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Gather in the Wagman Centre assembly room for a variety show, *Red Cross Capers,* 7:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23.

Sunrise Group has accommodation for a Miami trip. Choose your own date. Single room with efficiency, departure every day. For registration, call **Esther,** 932-2534.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112. Get involved in the following activities.

De Shpeelers, a great home-grown Yiddish band, led by pianist **Gurion Hyman,** will play a mix of Yiddish folk music and old favorites, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18. This is free and open to the community. Be early to get your seats.

The Friendship Circle for people 55 years of age and single meets at the centre 7 p.m. every other Thursday. Fee is $1. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. Refreshments. Next meeting, Feb. 18, features entertainment by the **Avi Hyman Group.**

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. An Israeli movie will be screened on Feb. 24. For more information call **Anna,** 225-2112.

Drugs and Medications:, What You Don't Know Might Hurt You. Come and hear pharmacist **Jack Holtzman** explain, 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 in the synagogue.

Become a member of the **Osteoporosis Support Group,** 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the music room. Refreshments. Call **Brenda** or **Sandra** for additional information.

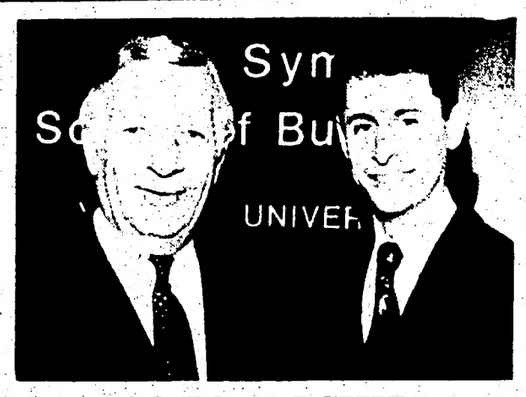
Dance to the exciting music of the **Creative Band,** 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21.

About People

HISPANIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

The Atlanta Eagles of the United States Basketball League has named **Eduardo Harari** director of Hispanic affairs. Torontonian Harari attended Langstaff Secondary School and Seneca College. Since graduation, he has worked as a sports correspondent and editor for *Mundo Latino News* of Toronto and as a sports commentator for CBS *Hispanic Sports* during the 1992 baseball playoffs and World Series. An active member of the Spanish and Jewish communities in Toronto, he is well known for his coverage of Blue Jays baseball and his vivid interviews with some of the world's greatest athletes.

The United States Basketball League is the spring/summer professional organization used as a stepping stone to the NBA by many players.

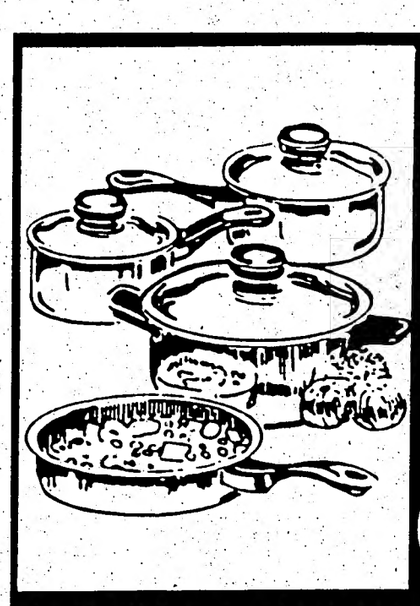


SCHOLARSHIP

Adam Anhang (right) of Winnipeg, has been named a Jacob Burns scholar at Yeshiva University's Syms School of Business in New York. The $5,000 annual scholarships have been awarded to six students based on outstanding academic performance, leadership qualities and a commitment to combine a business major with Judaic studies. At left is Syms dean Dr. Harold Nierenberg. The son of Abe and Barbara Anhang, Adam is a a graduate of Winnipeg's Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate Academy.

ALL JAZZED UP

All Jazzed Up is the theme for the February 23 Oscar Peterson Gala Tribute night which has attracted top U.S. and Canadian jazz artists and will benefit the cultural programs at the Jewish Community Centre. Committee members pictured (from left) are Beverly Mascoll, co- chair of the James Robinson Johnston First Chair in Canadian Black Studies, Dalhousie University; Laurie Sakamoto, 1993 Brotherhood Week chair; Terry McGrail, public relations, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation; Joan Pierre, executive director of Caribana, Carol Epstein, tribute committee.



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TORONTO —

"Don't think about your disabilities — think about your abilities."

These words were spoken by Robi Klausz, a Toronto laboratory technician and owner of Klausz Dental Laboratories, who was the victim of a near-fatal medical affliction in the prime of his life.

In 1975, at the age of 35, Robi went into cardiac arrest and for 10 days, he remained in a coma on complete life-support equipment. Despite all odds, with the full support of his family, he mustered the courage to forge ahead, despite his disabilities.

"Everything was against him," says his wife Susan, "but we never gave up hope." He had extensive damage to his mobile centre and would always be in a wheelchair with limited movement.

Despite the tragic complications and virtually helpless, Robi's strength and determination never waned. The doctors told him he would never be able to return to the business. But he was determined to return to work.

A native of Hungary, Robi, whose parents had been in Auschwitz (his father never returned), apprenticed as a laboratory technician when he was 14 years old. Two years later in 1956, he escaped from Hungary one night with only the clothes on his back. He was led through the woods by Hungarians who were paid to take him to the Austrian border where the border guards were enjoying a Christmas feast.

He was told to cross a creek and begin running. For 10 frightening minutes he ran in the dark until he was met by the Austrians, who led him to safety. After arriving in Toronto, he found employment in a commercial laboratory.

Susan escaped from Hungary in 1957, following an uprising of the university students against the government in Budapest. She worked as a billing machine operator in an advertising agency. Robi and Susan met in Toronto, married in 1964 and dreamed that one day they would open their own dental laboratory.

Three years later, they opened Klausz Dental Laboratories Ltd. on Weston Road. The high quality full-service dental lab grew. Additional staff was added and the facility was expanded. Along with caring for their two small sons, Ron and Steve, Susan worked alongside her husband, taking charge of the general office and accounting responsibilities.

Then tragedy struck. Robi spent a year in therapy at Mount Sinai Hospital and the Baycrest Centre of Geriatric Care. Susan along with visiting her husband daily and caring for the children, took charge of the dental lab with the help of their devoted staff.

"It was then that we decided to live with Robi's abilities, not his disabilities," says Susan. "I looked around and realized that everyone is disabled to some degree — so we emphasized what we could do. Robi never asked why it happened or felt sorry for himself."

Today, Robi is the dispatcher and handles the busy phones at the lab. Although he cannot work with his hands, dentists continue to seek his expert advice. Susan is the administrator and their son Ron, 24, who like his father is a licensed Registered Dental Technician (RDT), is in charge of the laboratory and their staff of nine.

Robi says that Ron is the youngest dental technician to be registered "and we depend on his youthful energy for running the lab."

Ronnie brought us into the computer age of the '90s," says his mother, "and introduced state-of-the-art equipment and technology to the business." She adds that a tragedy can break a family or bring them very close. "I'm grateful that out of our tragedy, we have been able to build a strong family structure and family business."

Sprightly and effervescent, Susan says, "We live a normal life, it is just that everything takes just a little longer. Robi's philosophy of life is, 'Cherish every moment of your life because once it's gone, it will never come back' — we have all learned from him."

Overcoming adversity: The Klausz family (from left) son Ron with Robi and Susan at the Klausz Dental Lab.

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Women urged to weave Judaism into the fabric of daily life

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO —

Intermarriage doesn't start with marrying non-Jews. It starts with dating, said Dr. Deborah E. Lipstadt, scholar-in-residence at the recent Jewish Women's Festival.

If a teenager asks what is wrong with dating non-Jews, parents should give him or her a positive answer, not one involving the Holocaust and the murdering of Jews, said Lipstadt, who is a professor of Modern Jewish Studies at Emory University in Atlanta, and an expert in the Holocaust.

She added that if the question even arises, it is a "warning light going on." If children are raised properly, the question wouldn't be asked, she says.

If parents have raised their children so that their heritage is part of their lives, Lipstadt went on, then if they choose a non-Jewish mate, their heritage will be so central to their identity that intermarriage will be a loss.

Emphasizing that intermarriage and assimilation are symptoms rather than the illness itself, she promised to go to the heart of the matter in her lecture Our Personal Responsibility for a Jewish Future.

Pointing to the problems that worry her, she noted, "Judaism is either done for us and we are prayed at" or else we are uncomfortable with our own traditions, such as the seder or the lighting of the Shabbat candles.

"We have this wonderful treasure, Lipstadt added. "We don't own it. "Vicarious and ethnic Judaism is not enough. We need the grounding, the mooring, the education."

She urged the women present, no matter what their age, to take ownership of their heritage by weaving Judaism into the fabric of their lives. "However you chose to do it, Judaism has to be integrated into your lives," she said, "until the prism through which your world is refracted is a Jewish prism."

Lipstadt told the audience that while she was growing up the tradition of Judaism was planted in her against her will. "At some point, I took control of tradition," she said.

Siddur linked Jews

Lipstadt recalled how on a visit to the Ukraine 20 years ago — "not a good time for Jews" — tradition enabled her to connect with other Jews. Hoping to make contact with Jews who wanted to go to Israel, she stood in front of a synagogue. She showed her copy of the siddur to the people gathered out front, but they shyed away. When she realized that none of them could read Hebrew, she was able to break the ice. Soon after they asked her to read from the siddur for them.

"That siddur linked me with them. We didn't have a lingua franca, but we had tradition," Lipstadt observed.

While Canadian rates of intermarriage are lower than the ones in the United States and while synagogue affiliation is higher here than in the United States, she sees a definite trend that approximates the one in the States. "You are a generation or two behind us," she explained.

In spite of intermarriage and assimilation, Lipstadt noted that there has been an unpredicted Jewish renaissance over the past two decades.

Offering a PhD in Jewish Studies is now felt to be a sign of a university's status as a fully-fledged institution, she reported. "No one would have predicted that you would be able to get a PhD in Jewish Studies."

Another indicator of the renaissance, according to Lipstadt, is the blossoming of the Jewish women's movement. "You see it in the most traditional segments," she said.

Jewish education for women has improved, she noted, from the time she attended an Orthodox day school. She pointed out that the school she attended for 12 years offers girls the opportunity to study more text than she did. Lipstadt commended the institution for the changes in has made, but she added, "I'm not saying it's enough."

The opportunity is also more oriented to adult education, she said, another sign of the Jewish renaissance.

Gala concert to honor Zuckert

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

A gala concert will be held at the Leah Posluns Theatre on Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. as a tribute to Leon Zuckert who enjoyed a distinguished career as a composer, violinist and conductor. Zuckert died in Toronto last May at the age of 88. The concert will feature the performances of some of Canada's finest musicians.

Cellist Ofra Harnoy, who will present the world premiere of Zuckert's *Sonata for Cello and Piano*, a work written especially for her by Zuckert says, "Leon Zuckert was a wonderful man, a fine composer and a dear friend. His music moved me the first time I heard it — I've since played his pieces all over the world, and audiences have always enjoyed them."

The concert is co-sponsored by the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and the Shevchenko Musical Guild. Both groups had commissioned Zuckert to create major new works for them and they will perform at the concert.

Tickets are $12 and available at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Seniors and students $10. For more information, call Michael Shulman, (416) 691-1488.

First bat mitzvah at Okanagan JCC

By MAURICE LUCOW

KELOWNA, B.C. —

The first bat mitzvah was celebrated in the new Okanagan Jewish Community Centre when Rosanne Shawlee, daughter of Susan and Walter Shawlee, was called to the Torah recently.

The service was led by Dr. Alvin Lander and a kiddush followed for about 160 people. A dinner reception was held in the evening for invited guests at the Grand Okanagan Resort.

Rosanne took her bat mitzvah training from Ron Gold, the OJC religion chairman.

The grandparents of the bat mitzvah, Esther and Harry Appel, donated a beautiful, large golden menorah to the community.

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Organizations and People

Cagey Cornblit tops in jai-alai

By PAUL LUNGEN

DANIA, Fla. —

It's billed as the fastest game in the world but none of the athletes wear skates and the closest ice to the playing surface is in spectators' glasses in the bar nearby.

Canadians might feel a little perturbed that in the Sunshine State of Florida, hockey takes a back seat (way back) to the game of jai-alai as the world's fastest game. But despite that, Canada still maintains a presence in the sport. At the Dania jai-alai fronton (building) on Dania Beach Boulevard just south of the Ft. Lauderdale airport, the most respected and admired player for jai-alai aficionados is Montreal-born, though Florida-raised.

Joey Cornblit, 37, is the Gordie Howe of jai-alai, a cagey veteran pelotari (player) almost 20 years older than some of the young bucks trying to make a name for themselves in the sport. An acknowledged star

Joey Cornblit

who brought a new intensity to the game, Cornblit is considered a player who performs best in the clutch, raising his game another notch when seriously challenged.

A year-and-a-half ago, when the Florida frontons held a tournament, Cornblit walked away with the singles title.

He regularly beats the members of the Spanish team that captured an exhibition gold medal at the Barcelona Olympic Games, said Steve Mateychick, a spokesperson for the Dania fronton.

Of Basque origin, jai-alai is a game reminiscent of handball or racquetball, but played on a 178-foot long, 34-foot high rectangular court in singles or doubles competition. In jai-alai, pelotari must catch the ball and fling it against the far wall before it bounces twice. They do so by using a cesta, basket in Spanish, that is handmade out of reeds and fits on the hand like a goalie's catching glove.

Cornblit attributes his success to his aggressive style, foregoing the traditional conservative volleying style that evolved in Spain for a technique that stresses the "kill shot."

His arsenal includes a broad repertoire of shots, since at an early age, "I was taught by a master of shots that it's better to have nine bullets in your gun than one."

Cornblit was introduced to jai-alai by his father. At age 12 he began playing in amateur facilities opened by the Miami fronton to develop young players. At 15, he represented the United States in a world amateur competition against teams from Mexico, the Philippines, Spain and France. The United States won a team bronze.

Later, he was offered a pro contract by the Miami fronton where he played for 13 years. Seven years ago, he switched to Dania.

Cornblit performs eight times a week. During competitions, there is non-stop action, with one team or individual quickly taking over for others who have been beaten. The games are reported in the local newspapers like horse races, with wagering returns included for win, place and show as well as the trifecta and daily double.

So far, Cornblit has managed to avoid serious injury, especially from the rock-hard ball that travels at speeds up to 150 miles per hour — hence the claim as the world's fastest sport.

Barring injury, Cornblit plans to play for another five or six years and then perhaps stay in the game in a management role. He has already invested in a restaurant, supplementing his estimated six-figure income. (Players receive prize money for finishing in the top four of an event.)

Cornblit says he occasionally travels to Montreal to visit family, which includes the Cherep and Fleischer clans.

Lance Chaykin, a native of North Miami Beach, is a six-year pro at the Dania jai-alai fronton.

Lance Chaykin

He's won two amateur tournaments, defeating players with vastly more experience. His strengths include a reverse (backhand) shot as well as a robote, a shot that hits the back wall first.

Chaykin considers Cornblit his mentor, a down-to-earth individual who gave him some pointers when he entered the pro ranks. "I looked up to him as the only Jewish player and one of the best in the world," he said.

As another American in a game dominated by Spaniards and Frenchmen, Chaykin acknowledges there is "a not-so-friendly rivalry" with the Europeans. The American players are deeply appreciative of the support they get from the fans, including many snowbirds.

At 23, Chaykin is already considering his future outside jai-alai. He's returned to school where he hopes to obtain a business degree.

Israel readies for hockey test

TEL AVIV —

Israel's national hockey team is gearing up for its next big test — this time an elimination tournament to determine which countries in the C Division of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) continue on the trek to the 1994 Olympic Games.

In a Holy Land hockey update, Toronto oleh Paul Shindman, head of the Israel Ice Hockey and Figure Skating Association (IIHFSA), reports that the tournament kicks off March 12 in the city of Bled, about 40 kilometres from Ljubljana in the newly-founded state of Slovenia. Located south of Austria, Slovenia was at one time the northwestern-most republic in Yugoslavia.

Israel's first game pits the Holy Land heroes against a squad from North Korea. Over the rest of the week, the Israelis will face off against teams from Belgium, Latvia, South Korea and Ukraine.

In a parallel competition, teams from Slovenia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Australia and Spain play their own round robin games.

The top two teams in each group then advance to the playoffs. Only one C Division team will make it to the Lillehammer, Norway Olympics.

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Prior to the Slovenia tournament, the Israeli team will touch down in Budapest, Hungary for a one-week training camp. The team will also play exhibition games against Hungary and South Africa.

The pre-tournament camp could be vital to the success of the Israeli skaters, since the team is finding it difficult to put together a good training program in Israel.

The team now practices at a rink in Bat Yam and like true amateurs, players travel to the 9 p.m. practices by bus or car pool. Most return home well after 1 a.m. Two players come from Arad, one from Yavne, six from Haifa, four from the Jerusalem region and the remainder from Tel Aviv and the surrounding area.

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The Bat Yam rink may be expanded from its current 34 by 14 metre size to 40 by 20 metres. (Olympic rinks measure 60 by 30 metres.) Although final municipal approvals have not yet been received, construction equipment is reportedly on site.

Plans are also in the works for construction of an Olympic-size rink, with Tel Aviv, Bat Yam, Or Akiva and Metulla among the hopefuls.

Israel currently boasts five rinks, with a sixth slated to open in Jerusalem in March.

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Israel's national league has expanded to six teams: Bat Yam, Haifa, Ramat Gan, Netanya and two teams from the Jerusalem Capitals Hockey Club. Although largest in numbers, the capital city contingents don't have as many Russian olim as other teams, and they appear destined to repeat as cellar-dwellers.

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After a lengthy delay due in part to contract difficulties with rink owners in Bat Yam, the IIHFSA's 1992-93 season kicked off on Jan. 14.

Ramat Gan defeated Bat Yam 6-5 in the opener. The next week, Jerusalem's A team was humbled 12-0 by Bat Yam, while Haifa defeated Netanya 6-2. The Netanya team was weakened because some players were ill and because others were called to army reserve duty.

Still, Israeli national team captain Benny Shapiro put two pucks past national goalie Boris Amromin. Amromin, a Russian oleh, was wearing a new set of Vaughan equipment donated by Vit Shatkin, a 26-year-old London, Ont. businessman.

A former Russian emigre, Shatkin said he understood Amromin's plight. The young goaltender was wearing equipment that was coming apart at the seams.

Shatkin donated pads, a stick, a throat protector, gloves, chest and arm protectors.

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Amromin's backup, goalie Max Logavinsky, also a Russian oleh, is also in need of equipment and there is a general shortage in Israel of all sorts of gear, especially goalie sticks.

Most pressing is the need for skates, elbow pads, shinpads, gloves and helmets with facemasks, for both adults and youngsters.

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Although the national team is receiving support from the IIHF and Israel's national Sport Authority, they still need about $17,500 for the training camp and IIHF tournament.

The team is hoping to raise money from the sale of team sweaters in Canada, as well as official team pucks and pins. Sweaters are priced at $150 each and can be obtained by calling Gideon Lee, the team's Toronto-based coach, at (416) 223-5156.

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Organizations and People

Milevsky held in high esteem

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Rabbi Uziel Milevsky, the dean of Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, a man who loved to learn and had a real gift of teaching, died recently in Toronto at the age of 50.

Rabbi Baruch Taub, spiritual leader of the Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregration, who shares its building with Ohr Somayach, commented on how Rabbi Milevsky was able to do "so much good for so many and hurt no one." A long time close friend of Rabbi Milevsky, Rabbi Taub added that people 'had no idea how great a teacher and thinker Rabbi Milevsky was. He was world class."

Rabbi Avraham Rothman, the executive director of Ohr Somayach Thornhill, who worked very closely with Rabbi Milesky, told *The CJN*, "He opened my eyes to the true depth of our traditions and inspired me with his knowledge, humility and sincere care for every Jew. He was an extraordinary leader, friend and teacher. Once in a lifetime, one meets a person with the ability to change peoples' lives. He changed my life and I will always miss him."

These comments reflect the high esteem in which Rabbi Milevsky was held by collegues and thousands of students.

He held two advanced rabbinic ordinations and secular degrees. He was a student of Rabbi Yaakov Weinberg of Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore and was a confidant of some of the greatest rabbinic and education figures in the Jewish world today.

Originally from Uruguay, Rabbi Milevsky first came to Toronto to assume the position of rosh mesivta (dean) of the high school of the Ner Israel Rabbinical College. In the mid 1970s, he became the chief rabbi of the Republic of Mexico.

In 1980, Rabbi Milevsky and his family made aliyah to Jerusalem where he joined forces with Rabbi Nota Schiller, the founding dean of Ohr Somayach Institutions. He soon became one of the most popular teachers, and students from all parts of Jerusalem regularly attended his classes and sought out his insights in Jewish texts and philosophy.

In the summer of 1990, the Milevsky family left Israel and returned to Toronto where the scholar joined forces with Rabbi Rothman to open and establish Ohr Somayach Thornhill. The community soon rediscovered Rabbi Milevsky. His classes were filled to capacity and a thousand copies of his tapes were sold.

Described as a humble man with no airs, he is credited with making Ohr Somayach in Thornhill a major force as an educational and outreach agency. According to his colleagues, in the area of Judaic knowledge, Rabbi Milevsky knew virtually every classic Jewish text word for word.

Rabbi Milevsy is survived by his wife Chaya, his sons, Moshe Arye, Yirmiya, Avidan and Yonatan, daughter, Devora, and his sister, Aliza Sofer, who lives in Jerusalem.

Chocaholic heaven at food fair

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

For Ottawa foodies, one of the year's finest events is the annual A Taste of Chocolate food fair. About 2,500 chocolate lovers came to this year's Feb. 7 show organized by the Amit chapter of Hadassah-WIZO.

The final tally isn't in yet, but co-chair of the event, Terry Schwarzfeld, says last year's show earned Hadassah more than $15,000. It's the chapter's only fundraiser, and takes most of the year to organize.

For chocolate lovers there is no better place to be on an icy Sunday afternoon. The scent of chocolate hangs over everything. Exhibitors give out generous samples of their products. If there is a new chocolatier in town, this is the place to find out how good they are.

This year visitors could help themselves to samples of gourmet cookies, Sacher torte, Belgian chocolate, tiny cream puffs in a little puddle of chocolate sauce, and at one of the most popular stops, luscious chocolate truffles.

The Hadassah organizers ask that exhibitors either give out samples or hold a prize draw. Many do both. At the Toblerone booth they offered chunks of white, milk, and dark chocolate all day, and then awarded a three foot long Toblerone bar to a happy teenager who had entered a draw.

For exhibitors, the fair lets them show off their products and make some pre-Valentine's day sales.

Heinrich Stubbe, whose samples of pina colada truffles drew line-ups, said the fair is good for sales, but is an even better place to launch new products.

In front of the Stubbe Chocolate Ltd. booth, student Sarah Strange savored the truffle sample she had tried. A confessed chocoholic, "I eat a chocolate bar every day," she gave the chocolate at the fair top marks for quality.

"This is heaven," she said.

Susan Glazer, of Monsieur Felix and Mr. Norton gourmet cookies, said the show is great for business. She gives away cookie samples as well as vouchers good for two free cookies at the store.

"The exposure is great. We have people coming into the store up to a week after the fair to see us."

In another hall, 300 attentive people watched professional cooking demonstrations of chocolate desserts throughout the day.

The Hadassah chapter also invites area chefs to compete in what has become a prestigious Valentine's cake contest. After the lavishly decorated cakes are judged and prizes awarded, they are auctioned off.

Following Ottawa's lead, Hadassah groups across the country have hosted their own chocolate fairs. This year Victoria and Peterborough planned shows, and in other years they have been held in Halifax, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Kitchener and London.

Ottawa is the only city to hold an annual show, though. In this, its sixth year, A Taste of Chocolate has become an institution.

Issue of addiction to be discussed

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Beth Tikvah Synagogue's upcoming annual sisterhood weekend (Feb. 20-21) will focus on Addictions: Jews Are Not Exempt, an issue which has become increasingly topical in the Jewish community.

"It's not just alcohol or cocaine," says program chair Charlotte Koven-Feldbloom. "Most people will probably be able to relate to it on some level."

The weekend will address issues such as drug and alcohol abuse, workaholism, co-dependency, and food, gambling and relationship addictions.

The Shabbat morning service will include an address from the bimah by social worker Rochelle Thompson, a consultant on chemical dependency for Jewish Family and Child Service.

Thompson will be a panel member for the Saturday evening program, which begins at 8 p.m. The panel will also include a representative of the Jewish Recovery Network and a recovering addict. The focus will be on Elements of Hope for the Family: Prevention and Recovery. The cost is $3 for Beth Tikvah members, $5 for guests.

Teens 14 years and older can attend the hour-long Sunday program, being held at 10 a.m., at which a unique, Canadian-made multi-media program entitled *Full Tilt* will be featured. Using 10 projectors, three oversize screens and a selection of musical, sports and celebrity sequences, the show deals with substance abuse, rejecting peer pressure and enriching self-esteem. There is a nominal charge for the teen program.

"The pressures on our children are only getting more intense," says Koven-Feldbloom. "There are a lot of temptations, and it's not just bad kids who succumb to them."

For further information, call Beth Tikvah Synagogue at 221-3343.

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Tsufriden tsureden Yiddish

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Cynthia Segal thinks speaking Yiddish is a breeze compared to English.

"Look at the silent 'k' in knee and the silent 'b' in climb. You don't run into that in Yiddish," she says.

In fact Yiddish was the first language of the Winnipeg-born Segal. She found English so dull that in Grade 2 she would fall asleep in class.

"My teacher sent a note home to my mother about it and my mother wouldn't let me watch movies Friday night unless I could bring a note home from the teacher saying I had stayed awake that week."

Segal is one of number of students in their 20s and 30s enrolled in the Yiddish class taught by Richard Bassett at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. The class is one of several sponsored by the Yiddish Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the North York Board of Education.

The 35-year-old Bassett, who uses class singing of the old Jewish folk songs and Yiddish jokes to keep his students interested, is delighted that so many young people are taking up the language. Half the class is under 40.

Though she left off speaking Yiddish after her grandparents died, Segal said "it's a wonderful thing how quickly it's coming back." A resident of Toronto for 20 years, she has her own computer consulting company.

She observed that most of the students in Bassett's class are women. "Don't men go to classes?" she asked. "It's a good place for a good man to meeet a good woman."

Glenda Horowitz, and her mother, Marcia, both attend the class to refresh their knowledge of the language they used to speak in their Winnipeg home. "We're speaking it again and enjoying it," Horowitz said. "Is there a future for Yiddish? Most definitely. What would happen to Yiddish humor and to Yiddish theatre without it?"

Sandra Schechter is shomer Shabbat and said Yiddish has helped bring her back to her Ashkenazi roots. "In the 'frum' world I meet more and more families who speak Yiddish. I'm also encouraged to speak Yiddish by older women at the Minsker shul. It's such a beautiful, expressive language."

Ann Milchberg, an architect and urban planner in her early 30s, said she is taking the class so she can speak to relatives living in Brazil with whom she exchanges visits.

This semester's Yiddish classes end in February and a new semester begins the week of April 12 for both beginners and more advanced students of all ages. The classes are free for seniors. For more information, call Sylvia Lustgarten, Commitee for Yiddish, 635-2883, ext. 155.

REASON TO SMILE

Daniel Halbert (left) and Steven Warsh are co-chairs of The Toronto New Leadership Division of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, which has expanded its board to meet the new objectives and support a greater number and scope of events. Initial efforts focused on social gatherings. The expansion is designed to create greater awareness of the Hebrew University through educational venues.

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The Cadillac of roadwork

As the name suggests, Lincoln Paving and Contracting provides the Cadillac of roadwork. Indeed, this family-run company has been taking care of Metro driveways and lots for over 20 years. Danny Liberta, the founder, has built the company with patience, reliability and the belief that "when you do it the first time, you do it right." He has now taken on board his two sons, Louie and Marino, and passed down to them this philosophy. His sons credit Danny himself with the success of the business. "Everyone likes him and knows him. He's easy-going," comments Louie.

In paving as with anything else, if the foundation is not good then the rest will not endure. According to Louie, "when preparing for any job much time is spent on its foundation, that is important." In addition to paving, they asphalt driveways and parking lots and work with concrete and interlocking stones, in a residential, commercial or industrial capacity. They also work in the more seasonal areas of snow removal and landscaping. Recently the company has been constructing many wheelchair accessibility ramps. They do this for homes as well as plazas, parking lots and factories, so everyone can access their sidewalks.

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Millwood offers homes on beautiful ravine lots

Look to Millwood Construction of Toronto for builders of fine homes in Thornhill and Richmond Hill. Jack Singer has been building quality homes for over 30 years. The latest homes will be situated on Bradgate Drive in Thornhill and will consist of seven new homes ranging from 3,300 to over 4,000 square feet. All will be located on beautiful ravine lots with walkout basements. Each clay brick, fully-detached home will be a unique design, and will start at $499,900.

Most lots are over 52 feet wide and some reach up to 180 feet deep. Each design includes ample room for guests, with guest rooms having a walk-in closet and en suite bathroom.

Quality kitchens, foyers, powder rooms, laundry rooms and all washrooms are laid with ceramic tiles. The central circular staircases are all oak with oak handrails and spindles from the second floor to the basement. There will be a fireplace in the family room and a rough-in for a second fireplace in the basement.

Bathroom fixtures can be colored or white from builder's samples. All faucets are single-lever types. The master bedroom en-suite includes a tub and a separate shower.

The walkout from the breakfast-garden room to the lovely ravine makes for convenient summer entertaining. The master bedroom of this four bedroom house also overlooks the ravine. The second-floor hall is spacious and open with railings looking down on the foyer below.

The guest room at the front of the house on the second floor has a large closet and four-piece en-suite bathroom with a window. Another bedroom has a walk-in closet and the main bathroom has double basins. Also on this floor is a third bedroom, which again overlooks the ravine. Each home has three bathrooms upstairs.

The walk-in closet in the master suite, with room for clothes storage, is about twice the size of those in family bedrooms. Both the powder room which has a pedestal sink, and the library open onto the main foyer, and another door leads through the laundry room to the garage.

These homes will be situated in an established residential area, surrounded by schools, shops and with GO transit at the ready. Millwood Construction will also be building 10 new homes on Worth Boulevard, at Bathurst and Centre. These homes of quality construction will be 2,800 to 3,800 square feet. Prices start at $334,900. They also feature large bedrooms and kitchens, with breakfast-garden area. The homes on Worth Boulevard and Rockwood Crescent are also in a built up area.

To visit the sales office, go north on Bayview from Steeles to Green Lane, head east until Bronte Road, then go south and follow this road until you see the sales office on your right. For further information, contact Janette or Joe Shulman at 223-2003, or the sales office at 886-6405. Sales office hours are 1-6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday and 12-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

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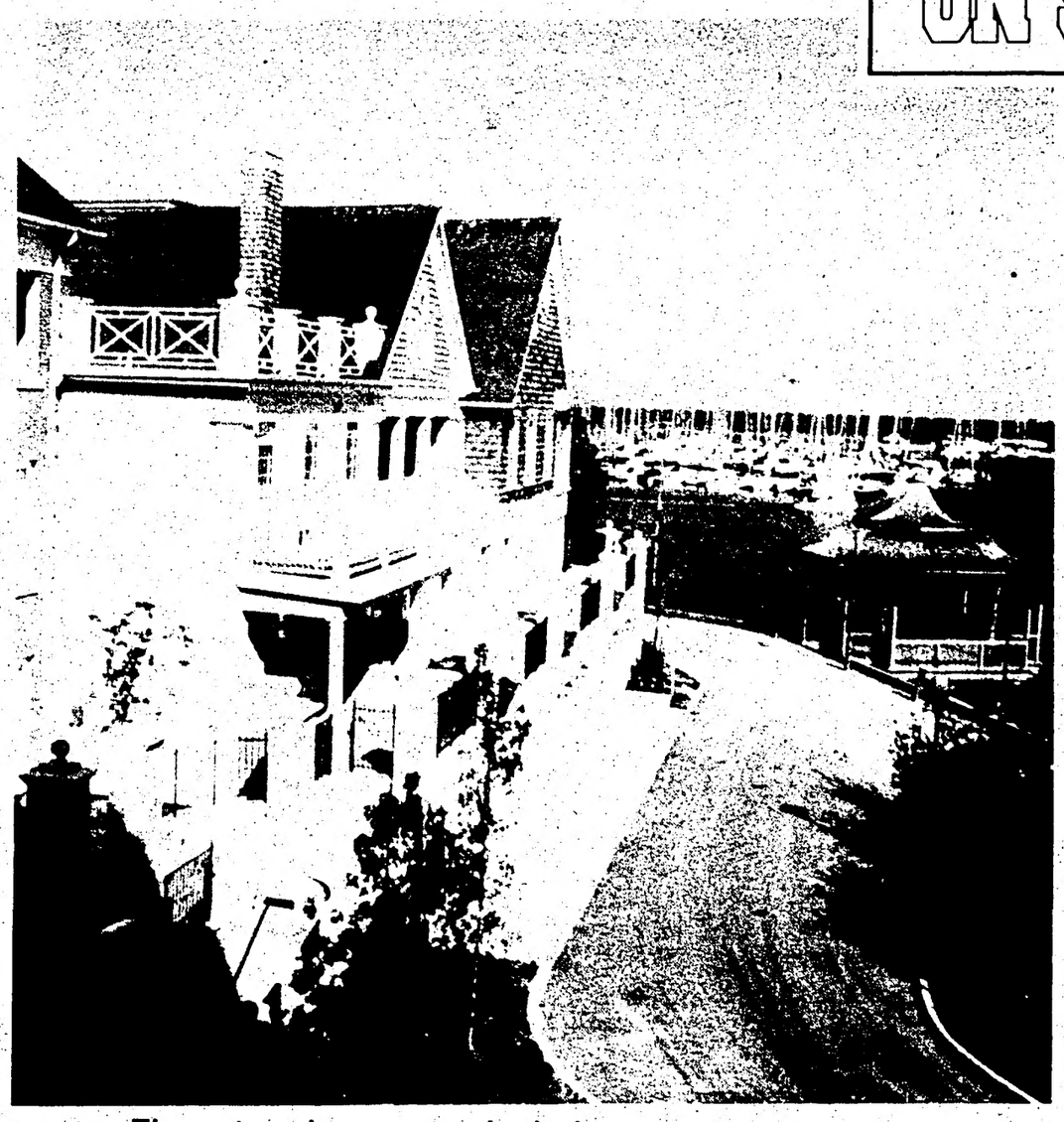
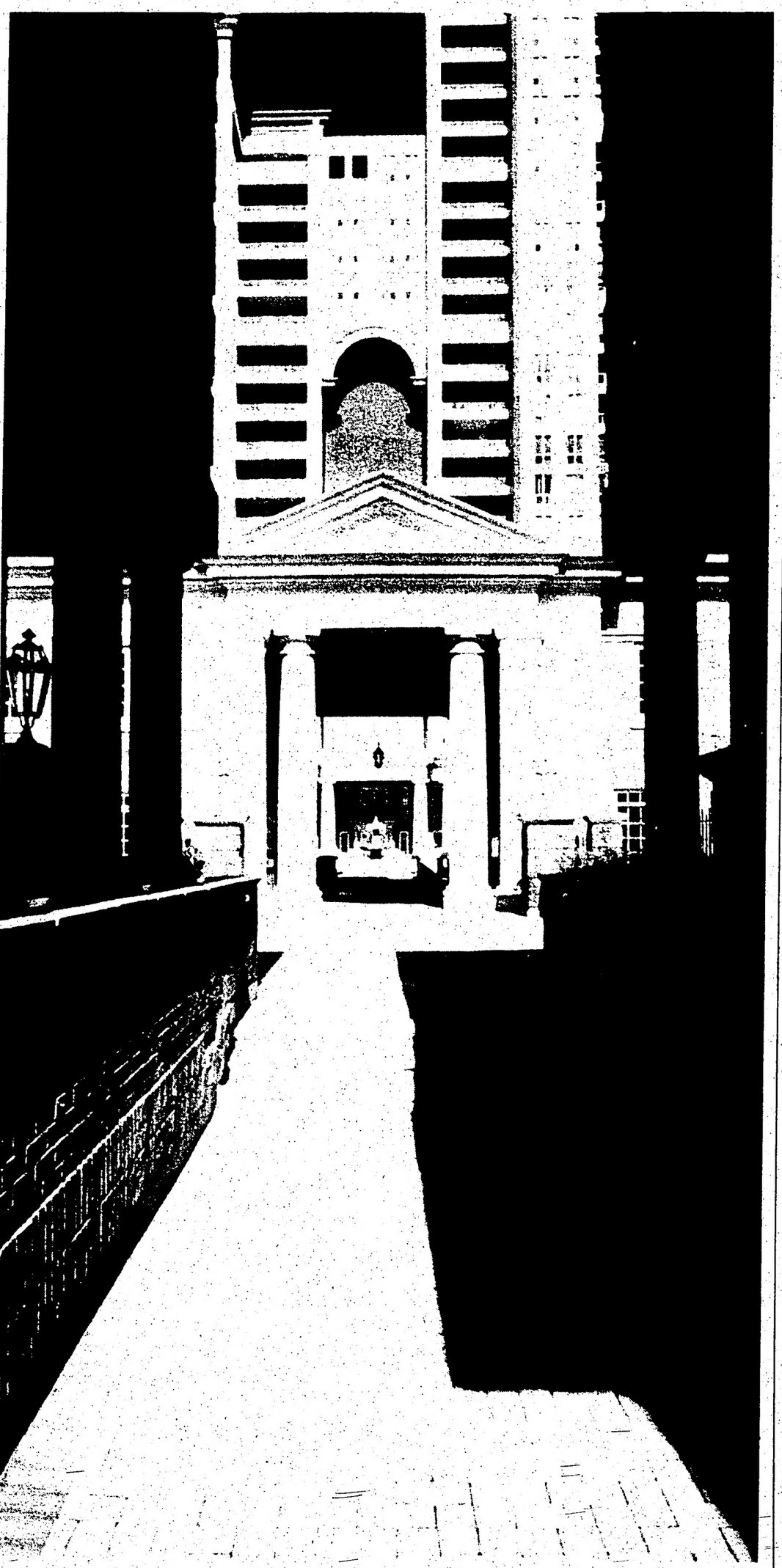


These townhomes overlook the waterfront gazebo.



An interesting view from the townhouses to the highrise — shows the wealth of exquisite architectural detail throughout the project.

A townhouse living room.

Lobby of one of the highrise buildings.

Grand Harbour homes a cut above the rest

With its exquisite architecture, breathtaking scenery and outstanding facilities, it is no wonder that Grand Harbour has become one of Toronto's most successful waterfront communities.

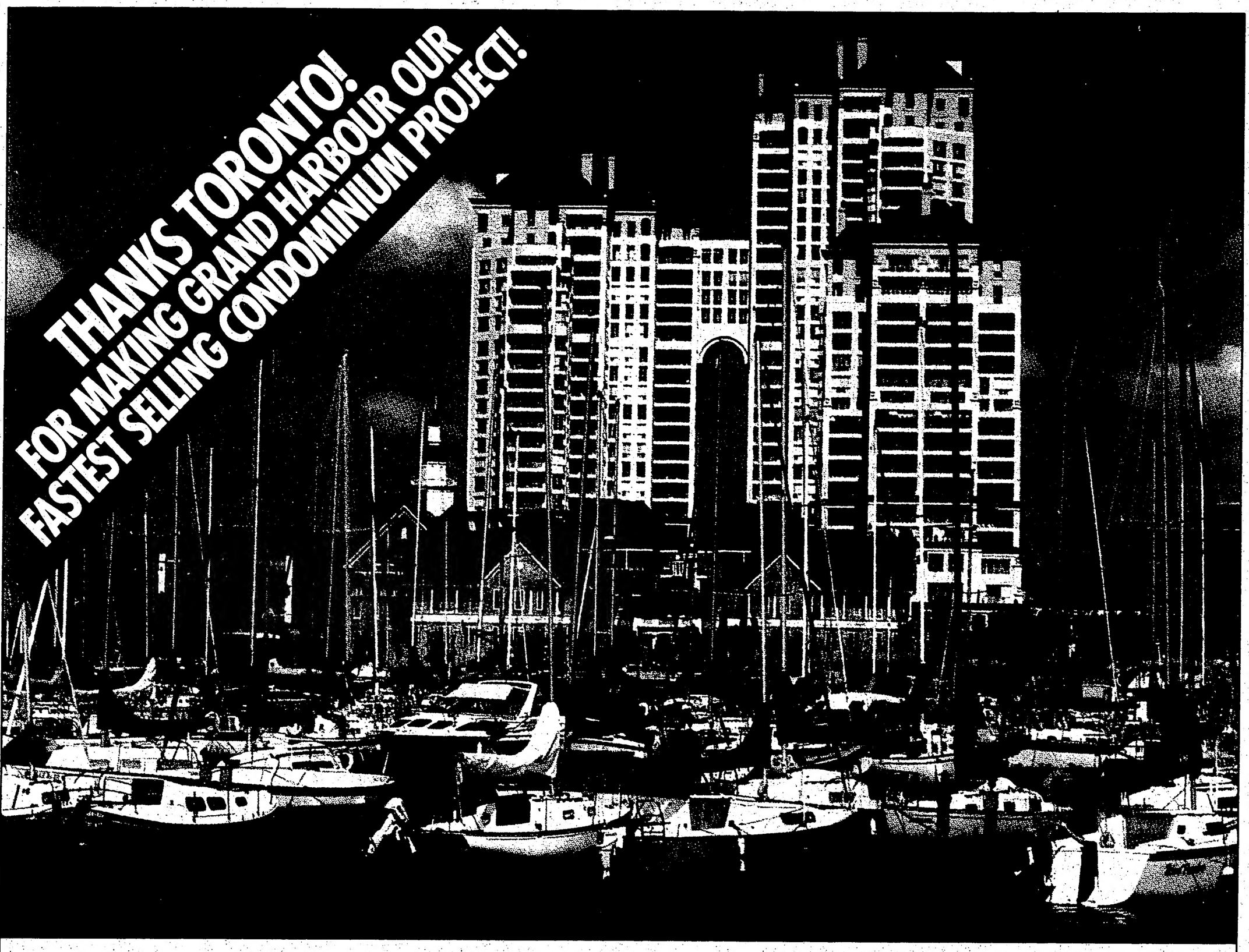
Built and developed by Rylar Development Limited, the community located at 2289 Lakeshore Blvd. West, just 10 minutes from downtown Toronto, includes 395 units in the highrise buildings and an additional 39 townhomes.

Richard Weldon, who owns Rylar along with Larry Boland, says that the large range in price and size of homes makes the community accessible to everyone. Already 80 percent occupied, the prices in the remaining highrise suites range from $154,900 for a 618 square foot one bedroom unit to $795,000 for 3,215 square foot penthouse unit with two bedrooms and a den. The townhomes range from $251,700 for a 1,482 square foot home all the way up to $1.9 million for a unit, which, at 5,491 square feet boasts spectacular views of the lake from every window.

Grand Harbour's well thought-out recreation complex has a gorgeous, large swimming pool, a heated whirlpool overlooking the water, sauna, squash courts, a weight room, exercise aerobic room and residents' sports lounge. A concierge is located in each of the highrises' large lobbies 24 hours a day, and each building has a residents' meeting room and party room with full kitchen. Beautifully landscaped gardens lead from the highrise buildings past the townhomes down to the waterfront, where the developer has provided a lakeside gazebo and fountain.

Weldon says that the trend for empty-nesters to sell their homes and move into condominiums has remained quite strong. "We've been selling five or six units a month and we've had a lot of activity in the $350,000 to $500,000 range. We seem to be about the only condominium project in the city selling mid to upper range condominium suites. I think that people are beginning to recognize that housing prices have stabilized, homes are selling and there is an increasing demand for well priced, well located luxury properties such as Grand Harbour.

He says that all Grand Harbour homes, from the smallest to the largest have "certain extra features that make their homes a cut above the competition. All suites have marble foyer, vanities and shower surrounds, whirlpool baths, Eurostyle kitchens. What gives the Georgian townhomes so much character is that each home is so unique. These homes are custom built so no two are alike. The only thing that is constant is their finishing and attention to detail and great location."



If you value the quality of life, you'll love the value at Grand Harbour.

Toronto's premier lakefront residence, Grand Harbour, is now available at prices substantially below the original 1989 asking prices – in some cases up to 60% off!

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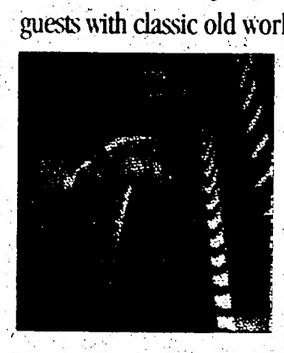
1105	1 BDRM	697	$199,900	SOLD	
403	1 BDRM+DEN	932	$279,400	$185,900	33%
1106	2 BDRM	1156	$354,900	$231,900	35%
1812	2 BDRM	1423	$462,900	SOLD	
301	2 BDRM+DEN	1467	$429,900	$279,900	35%
802	2 BDRM+DEN	1638	$452,900	SOLD	
NO.	TOWNHOMES	SIZE (SQ.FT)	1989 PRICES	1993 PRICES	% SAVED
103	2 BDRM	1615	$469,900	$256,700	45%
132	2 BDRM+DEN	2268	$679,000	SOLD	
111	2 BDRM+DEN	2694	$1,775,000	$645,000	64%

Minutes from downtown, overlooking the Humber Bay Yacht Clubs and the tranquil waters of Lake Ontario, Grand Harbour offers residents a luxurious lifestyle in a classic setting reminiscent of a more elegant era. Soaring colonnade archways greet you and your guests with classic old world elegance. And the taste and elegance of the lobby are uncompromising.



The residences feature an abundance of marble, wood and traditional detailing that are second to none. Spacious living rooms, many with balconies or intimate private gardens, offer breathtaking views of the lake. Kitchens are bright and airy with family breakfast areas, windows, top quality wood cabinetry and beautiful ceramic flooring. Baths are the ultimate in luxury and convenience. Double sinks, whirlpool baths and separate showers are found in most residences. The recreation amenities are truly first class.

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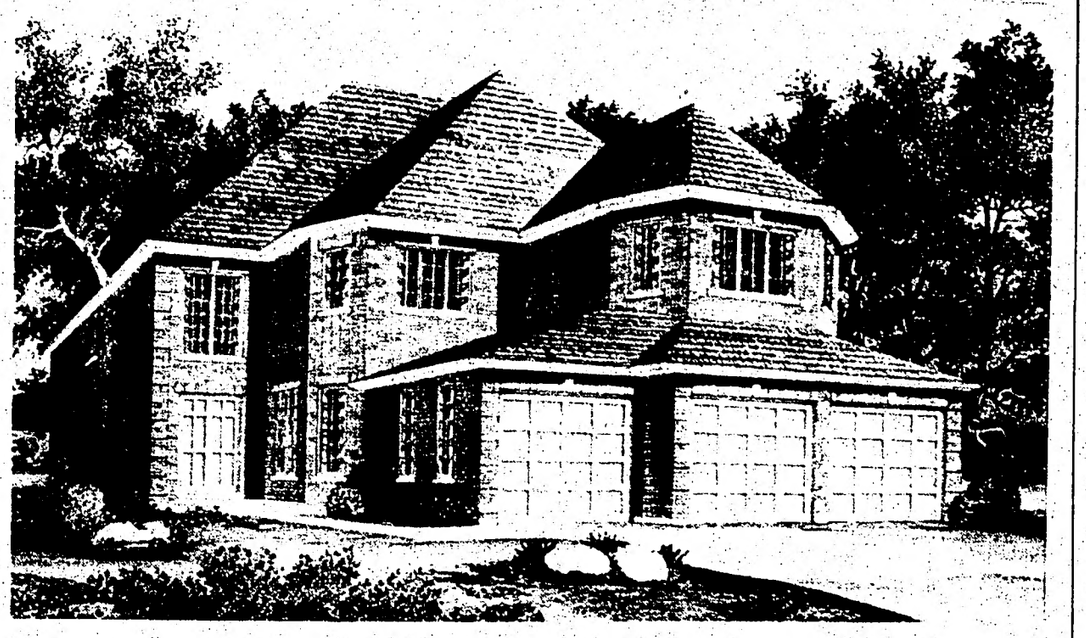

Fieldgate homes

Fieldgate opens site in popular Thornhill area

After more than 35 years in the building and development business across greater Toronto, Fieldgate Development and Construction Ltd., a privately owned family business, recently opened a new site in a very popular area in Thornhill.

Located in the convenient Bathurst and Centre Street area, close to shopping and numerous services, the newest Fieldgate project combines location, price and a wide range of models which will satisfy the tastes of most selective buyers.

Fieldgate, which has built more than 45 subdivisions, currently is building six active new home sites in Brampton, Mississauga, Bayview Hill, Aurora, Woodbridge and at Bathurst and Highway 7, and has three more subdivisions coming on stream in the near future.

The Bathurst and Centre Street location has models which range from 2,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet on 40- and 50-foot lots. The homes are all clay brick with double and some triple garages.

Esthetic and architecturally designed, the homes are filled with charming touches including oak stairs, pickets and railings, oak parquet floors on the main floor, good quality broadloom on the second floor, and ceramic tiles in all other areas including the kitchen, laundry room, side entry, vestibule, main hallway and all bathroom floors selected from the vendor's samples.

The fireplaces are the latest gas fireplaces with marble and wood facing. The kitchens include provisions for built in appliances and all sinks (except for the laundry room sink) have single lever faucets. And recognizing the need to conserve on energy costs, Fieldgate Development is installing forced air gas high-efficiency furnaces and good quality windows.

Colored plumbing fixtures are installed in all bathrooms and a pedestal sink is in the powder room. There are classique interior doors and matching closet doors.

Already roughed in are a security system on the main floor, dishwasher, electrical and plumbing and provision for an automatic garage door opener.

Purchasers have a choice of one interior paint color from the vendor's samples and all trims and doors are painted white. There is a 200 Amp service with copper wiring and the inserts for the front door entry.

To reach the Fieldgate homes, drive three to four minutes north of the Promenade Shopping Mall. The models are located on the west side of Bathurst Street just north of Worth Avenue.

There are beautifully decorated models. The prices range from $265,900 to $409,900. The 2,244 square foot model lists at $278,900 and the spacious 3,502 square foot model is $384,900. The sales office is open from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday and holidays, and closed on Saturday.

The project is sold exclusively by C.M.F. Realty Ltd. C.M.F. can also assist buyers with selling their present home as well as arrange the financing through their professional resale department.

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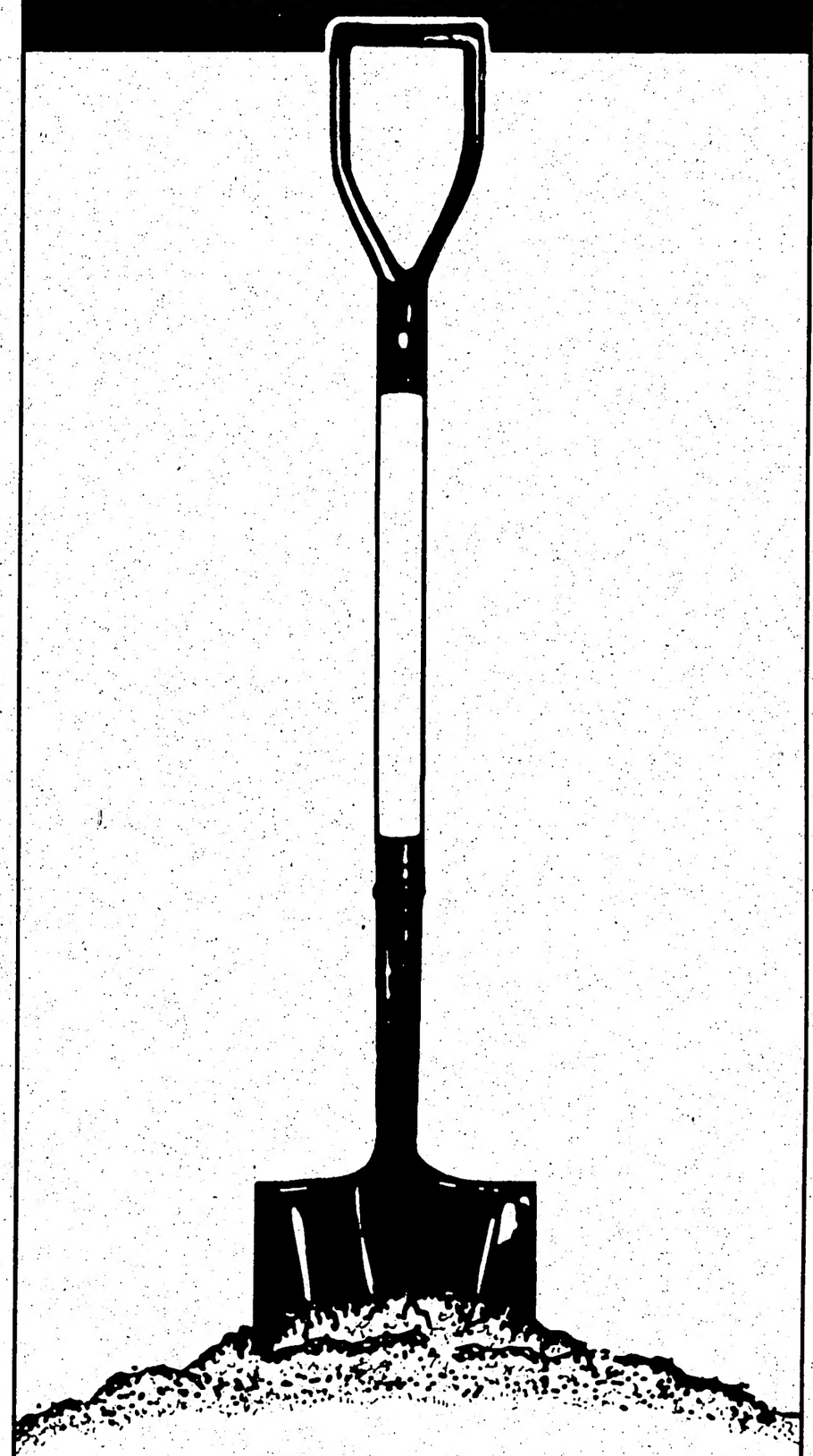

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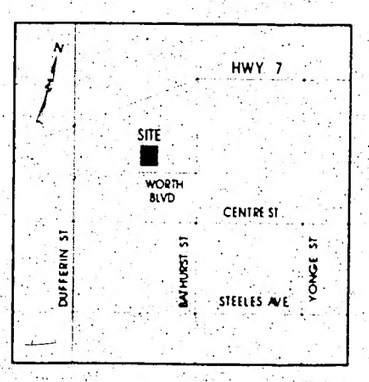

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The many people who have already purchased have taken advantage of the preconstruction pricing currently in effect at the Legacy. The joint venture of Goldlist Development Corporation and Frum Development Group have priced these residences at levels which haven't been seen in over a decade. A spacious two bedroom, two bath residence starts from a very affordable $146,900 including GST, parking and 5 appliances. One, two and two bedroom with den suites at the Legacy are available from $132,900 to just over $250,000 for a corner penthouse. All of the condominiums have balconies and the building features a 24 hour security/concierge.

Prices and selection are best before construction begins, so today may well be a very good time to make your move if you are considering a new condominium at the Legacy. Undoubtedly, those with the vision to take advantage of today's opportunity will be very pleased they did so when these fine condominiums are ready to move into.

To find out more about the Legacy and to see for yourself what all the activity at this location is about, visit the Legacy model suite and sales office at Lawrence and Covington in the Lawrence Plaza.

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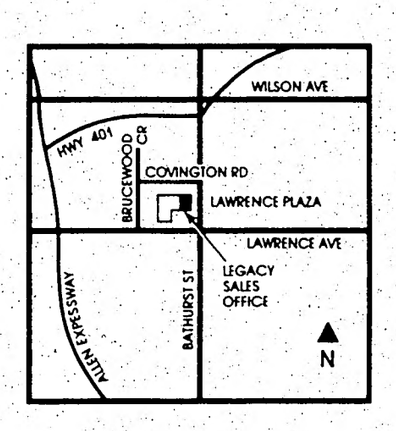

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Our Lexus consultants, Fred Pauls and James Blandford together with the sales manager David Whyte, are delighted to bring vehicles to homes and business for presentation and this is just another way of making the purchasing process more convenient for customers.

We feel the success of Ken Shaw Lexus Toyota stems from the fact that although we are a large-sized and large volume dealer, the business is operated on the basis of a family-run operation with the personal attention that customers deserve and require in this day and age.

"This commitment is also evident through the staff here at Ken Shaw, with some of the key people being here in excess of 20 years, which is unusual in this business," says Whyte. "As a dealership and a family to be employed by, none of us would want to be anywhere else."

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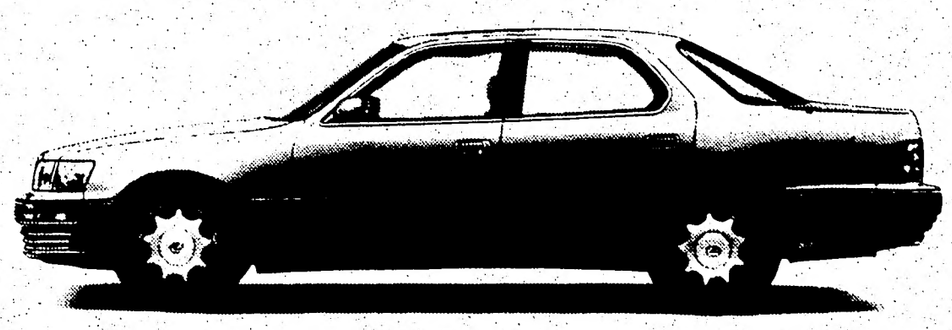

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Swiss Chalet sports a new, updated look

Welcome to the brand new Swiss Chalet located in the Promenade Village Shops at Bathurst and Centre streets in Thornhill!

This restaurant, open since the end of December 1992, is one of a handful of Swiss Chalet restaurants that looks quite unlike any other Swiss Chalet. Swiss Chalet's new look is updated and fresh, but still as comfortable and casual as ever.

The rich tones and deep mahogany colors give the restaurant a homey, European look. "It's a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere," says Corey Safran, who handles local store marketing for Swiss Chalet.

One thing has remained the same. "It's still the same great-tasting rotisserie barbecued chicken and meaty barbecued ribs at very affordable prices that Swiss Chalet is known for," he said.

Natural flavor comes through

"The chicken is cooked in our special rotisserie style which allows the chicken to baste in its own juices until it's crispy and golden on the outside, and tender and succulent on the inside. Our rotisserie chicken is never deep fried nor prepared with added spices. All the natural flavor comes through." But there's a lot more cooking at Swiss Chalet. They also serve chicken pot pie, hearty chicken sandwiches, great salads and scrumptious desserts.

Staff treats families right

Swiss Chalet is also a great place for families with children. "Our staff do a great job of treating families right," Safran says. "Kids love our special menu and so do parents. The kids can choose a great meal (including a beverage and a sundae) starting at $2.95. Kids have a lot of fun in our restaurants. Our kids' placemats keep the little ones amused with games and puzzles while their parents enjoy their meal. At the end of the meal kids get to choose a surprise from Swiss Chalet's Secret Toy Chest!"

So come in to the new Swiss Chalet at 7700 Bathurst St. (at Centre St.) and experience their great new look with the same great food and prices.

Pitch/Wall helps pick best insurance plan

Irwin Pitch and Harry Wall formed a partnership a mere two years ago, yet each has business experience and expertise that spans well over thirty years. The two men were colleagues at a large insurance company when they decided to form Pitch/Wall Associates. Confident about their knowledge of the industry, they knew they were in a good position to benefit clients as independent brokers.

The majority of Pitch/Wall Associates' clientele is composed of business people and persons in the professions, patrons whom the company is more than prepared to serve.

In the 1990s consumers are cost-conscious and educated about what's available on the market. At Pitch/Wall Associates the staff is highly specialized and capable of providing in-depth product information to knowledgeable customers. For instance, Raymond Pitch, a litigation lawyer and Irwin's son, has come on board with the firm to offer his expertise about the professional disability market.

A recognized financial authority, Steven Pearl advises audiences on his television show **Your Money**. At Pitch/Wall Associates he is the resident RRSP and Mutual Funds specialist.

For each facet of insurance, the company has a dedicated professional devoted to monitoring that aspect of the industry. Whether it is partnership insurance, financial planning, estate planning, group packages or disability insurance Pitch/Wall is ready to help clients select the best plan.

"Every person is unique," says Wall. Each initial meeting with a customer entails a careful garnering of his or her needs and circumstances. What type of business is the client involved with? What stage is their business in? Where in life is the client? How does family fit into the picture? These are a few of the questions asked to assess what is currently best for the consumer.

The company is also sensitive to the needs of professionals in situations where their business doesn't rely on material assets, but rather on the skills and knowledge they personally possess.

For every client Pitch/Wall Associates is there to provide financial protection in case of any significant business or personal changes. The staff know that what may be a good plan today, tomorrow may not suit your circumstances.

"Over time, our clients know we are looking out for their needs," explains Wall. "They come to trust that Pitch/Wall will find the best solutions to any insurance need."

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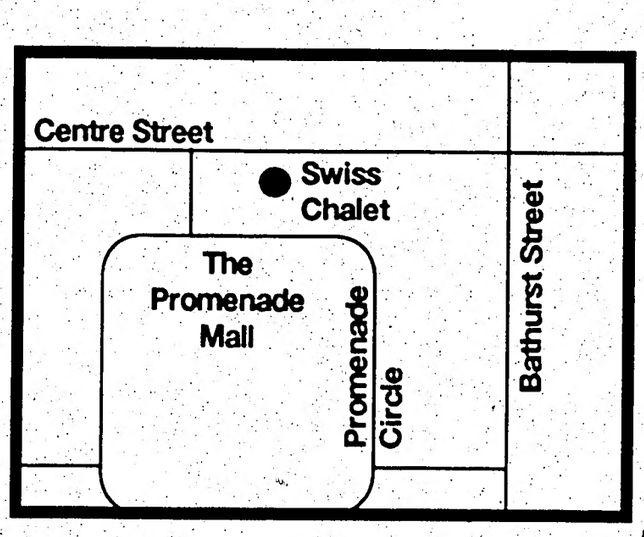

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Montreal Trust leads in RRSP experience

In these changing times, it's vital to take an active part in managing your RRSP portfolio. It's imperative to review your plan regularly and make any necessary adjustments to guarantee that you are receiving a good rate of return and security of capital. These are goals that are especially important in today's uncertain interest rate environment.

Montreal Trust, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BCE Inc., are an acknowledged financial leader with total assets administered of over $70 billion. With a network of branches from coast to coast, they take great pride in being part of the community.

They welcome the opportunity to show you how their services can help you reach your goals. For example, innovative products, competitive rates and strong emphasis on personalized service makes Montreal Trust Canada's first name in Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSP). In fact, in 1957, Montreal Trust registered the very first RRSP in Canada.

Janice Corvese, Montreal Trust branch manager suggests, "that you come into the branch to meet with me, or another RRSP specialist, before the busy RRSP season begins. We can help you to review your RRSP strategy, and to develop rate of return objectives according to your risk profile and the number of years until your retirement."

"We will be happy to explain two important planning tools we've developed over the past year to assist you," states Corvese. "The first is a Managed Maturity Plan. An excellent way to offset the effects of fluctuating interest rates. Since no one can accurately predict where rates are headed, we suggest staggering the maturity dates of the GIC's in your RRSP, in order to benefit from the best average rate of return over time. When you visit Montreal Trust, we will use the information in your RRSP Portfolio Planner to demonstrate how a Managed Maturity Plan can benefit you. Ideally, twenty percent of the GIC's in your portfolio should mature each year, in order to fully benefit from this approach.

"The second tool I am pleased to make available to you," says Corvese, "is our Client Investment Profile system (CLIP). This unique, computer-based program helps to define your personal investor profile, based on your risk tolerance, your financial objectives, your investment experience, and your age. Taking into account current economic conditions, we can use the CLIP system to suggest investment vehicles that match your recommended investment mix."

Montreal Trust has more than a century of experience in managing investments. That's why they are offering RRSP investors the same financial tools that they use to manage large estates and pension funds.

Creative source of funds

As financial planners, the challenge we constantly face is the provision of solutions to clients' problems. It is quite satisfying when a client has the necessary assets to implement the solution. It is also very frustrating when the assets just aren't there. This is particularly sad in the case of individuals contemplating retirement.

Recently, we had reason to perk up. Help has arrived in the form of the Reverse Mortgage. By utilizing a reverse mortgage, one can release equity from the home to provide capital for tax free, lifetime income. The best part is that the client and spouse continue to live in their home forever and no mortgage payments are required.

When the property is sold or the homeowner and spouse eventually pass away, the mortgage is repaid. All remaining equity belongs to the client or the estate. The concept is not new, having been available in the United Kingdom for nearly 30 years and the United States of America for about 15 years.

In our practice as financial planners specializing in retirement planning, we find this especially helpful for those who have little in the way of income-producing assets, and want to remain in their homes. There is now a way of increasing income and improving lifestyle while they have peace of mind in the familiar surroundings of their home.

There are also other situations in which the reverse mortgage may provide appropriate solutions.

Another scenario has a widower living in a $900,000 home.

He wanted to assist his child in purchasing a house but didn't have a large amount of ready cash. The solution was a reverse mortgage. The client took a lifetime reverse mortgage, one third in cash and the balance to be used to purchase a life annuity. The annuity income is effectively tax free. He gave the child the lump sum as a downpayment on the house, with the balance of the purchase price financed with a conventional first mortgage. He then gave the child sufficient monthly income from the annuity to make the mortgage payments. In effect, the father gave out some of the future inheritance while he was able to enjoy seeing it bring happiness to his child and grandchildren.

The reverse mortgage is also a way of substituting a debt that requires payment with a debt that doesn't. For example, an individual may have an existing loan or mortgage which requires payments of principal and interest. This may be difficult to manage. However, if the debt is replaced with a reverse mortgage, either a lifetime plan or a term plan, there are no payments to be made. Income that was used for debt payment now can be used for other purposes.

As this product grows in popularity, so will the usage. Like anything that has a financial impact, it should be examined carefully. Independent legal advice must be sought before the documentation is signed.

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Burns Fry duo tap into network of analysts

One of Canada's leading full-service investment dealers, Burns Fry Limited, has offices across Canada as well as in the United States and Europe.

A special focus of the organization is on its private customers for whom time and care is devoted to structuring investment portfolios.

"We're committed to our clients," say Fanny Blumenstein and Shoshana Lev, investment executives at the Burns Fry Toronto office. Investment choices are unlimited and sophisticated, they explain, therefore working with a good money manager is key.

Besides stocks and bonds an investor can select from GICs, T-bills, RRSPs and Mutual Funds, all instruments about which Burns Fry staff is well-versed.

Most of Blumenstein's and Lev's clientele is composed of the larger investor, who wants to work with professionals who have information at their fingertips and are capable of quick, incisive decisions.

These two women thrive on that kind of challenge. Lev began her career eighteen years ago; she's never looked back. "It's stimulating and rewarding," she says. Blumenstein adds, "You cannot be in this business if you don't love it." Prior to her seven years as an investment executive, she was a businesswoman in her native France.

Investment executives work closely with clients

Because of the time and energy requirements only those who are tough and dedicated last as investment advisers. Lev and Blumenstein have that necessary drive, but also are accessible. Between them, the two women speak English, French, Hebrew and Yiddish and are willing to converse in the language in which a client feels most at home.

Burns Fry investment executives have the adventage of an "All star" support team of analysts and economists, who feed them with up-to-the-minute data about market changes and innovations. These Burns Fry analysts have repeatedly been rated as the best in their field by independent assessment agencies. "We also receive advice from top investment research firms in the United States, and England," says Lev. The highly-reputed Goldman-Sachs, is the American firm with which Burns Fry deals.

To ensure that their clients are consistently looked after Blumenstein and Lev work closely together.

Blumenstein and Lev urge debt retirement and a diverse portfolio

One will fill in for the other during vacations or absences. They share similar investment philosophies and feel confident about each other's judgements.

Each woman believes in a highly positive approach to the market. They are aware that we live in financially cautious times and emphasize that building security takes time and a great deal of commitment. Blumenstein says, "Life is cyclical. There are always good and bad times and there are always opportunities available." Lev reminds that there is "opportunity even in adversity." Right now there are good profit opportunities in Canada, she states.

Even though they work with larger investors, each woman is pleased to serve those with modest investment funds. They want consumers to know that the size of your income is not the moot issue, the point is to do the best you can with what you have. An individual must make a commitment to taking care of her financial future, they assert. Don't hold back because you've never dealt with financial institutions other than banks or because you feel you don't know enough about finances.

Lev says that she has directed people towards investment plans which require as little as $50 a month. Everyone should make money management a priority.

Blumensten and Lev offer these three fundamental tips:

- First pay off your debts.
- Open an RRSP as early as you can.
- Diversify! Diversify! Diversify!

For those interested in more than the basics, Lev suggests a look at the numerous Mutual Funds which Burns Fry represent. She believes that Burns Fry people have an edge on this area of investment, as they regularly meet with the managers of the various Funds.

Whatever a person's financial goals are primarily, an investor must feel a rapport with his money manager. At Burns Fry, investment executives make the time to get to know their clients and to assemble the portfolio most suited to each individual's needs. According to Lev and Blumenstein, the bottom line is, "A good financial advisor works closely with her clients."

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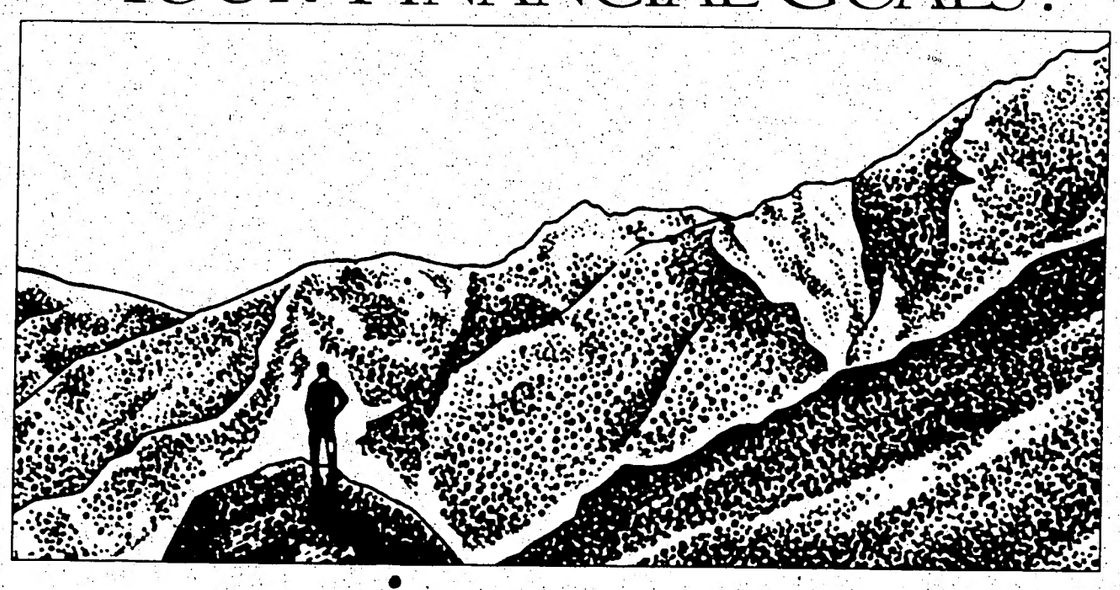

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The introduction of the Select Fund Portfolio Program underscores a significant paradigm shift toward asset management within the entire brokerage industry. Following the success of asset management services, or 'wrap' accounts, in the United States, many full-commission firms in Canada are rushing to introduce their own versions of this type of service. As an advisory service offered by a discounter, however, the Select Fund Portfolio Program promises to be the most important and revolutionary development in the industry since the introduction of discount brokerage.

For investors interested in a superior discretionary investment management service with investment advice, but not interested in paying the high fees which are customary for this kind of service, the Select Fund Portfolio Program appears to be a perfect fit.

The Select Fund Portfolio Program allocates the investor's money among a number of mutual funds in various fund categories according to investors' objectives and risk comfort level, determined through the application of computer technologies based on Nobel Prize-winning modern portfolio management theory.

In keeping with Marathon's no-bias philosophy, each portfolio is individually managed, based on the advice of Gordon D. Garmaise, of Garmaise Investment Technologies Inc. Garmaise Investment Technologies is an independent investment counselling and portfolio management firm specializing in quantitative, computer-based investment approaches.

Specialized expertise

The alliance of the two firms brings together the established strengths of Garmaise's investment research and counselling expertise with Marathon's specialized brokerage expertise and cost efficiencies in trading execution and administration, plus the broker's strong commitment to customer service.

Mutual funds to be included in the Select Fund Portfolio Program are monitored and selected (or deleted) by Garmaise Investment Technologies based on their demonstrated performance relative to other funds in the same class on a risk-adjusted basis. A number of variables are used in the performance measurement process, both quantitative and qualitative. These include volatility, track record, and manager longevity. This monitoring is done with the assistance of advanced computer software.

A key component of the process includes a specially designed profiling questionnaire. Investors' response are reviewed with the aid of computer analysis.

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In order to provide the breadth of management demanded, the portfolio universe will include no-load and load funds — both offered at no-load. This is a key feature which makes the Select Fund Portfolio Program a unique service for Canadian investors.

Currently available in Ontario, Marathon plans to roll out the Select Fund Portfolio Program on a national basis the next 12 months.

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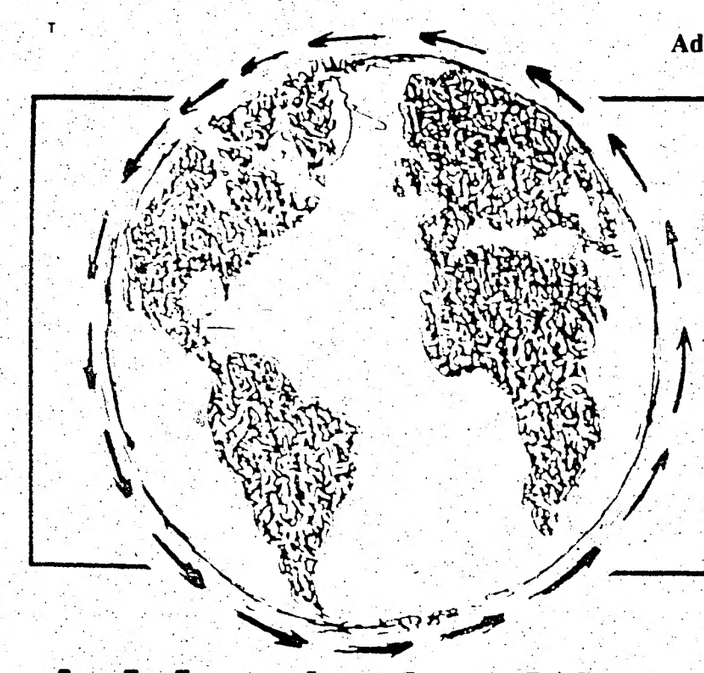

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A Muskoka March break

March-break is the perfect time for you and your family to enjoy a well-deserved getaway to Muskoka Sands Resort — located just 1½ hour outside of Toronto on the picturesque waters of beautiful Lake Muskoka.

Muskoka Sands is known as a year-round holiday resort, well-designed for winter fun with everything conveniently located under one roof, says general manager Lisa Whitely.

"For the active vacationer, we have three indoor tennis courts, a fitness room, a games room and squash courts for fun and sport. There's also an indoor pool for leisurely swims, and a sauna and whirlpool to unwind in.

"For those who want to brave the cold, we offer cross-country skiing and hiking on beautiful wooded trails, ice skating, snowmobiling, ice fishing and a host of other outdoor sports to enjoy the crisp winter months," says Whitely.

And to help you thaw out after a day of winter fun, you can curl up in front of a roaring fire in your suite, cottage condominium or in the Lobby Bar.

Since 1926, this popular resort has been serving vacationers throughout the year, offering activities that suit each season. The dining is elegant, the 48-room accommodation first class and scenery breathtaking. "What more can you ask from a March break vacation?", asks Whitely.

Celebrity specializes in spas

A spa vacation is the best remedy for whatever ails you. Whether you want to get a head start on weight loss, rejuvenate your looks, seek physical therapy or simply feel re-energized, our company has been recommending spas all over the world to suit our clients' needs, says Shelagh Klavir.

As a partner of Sheppard Celebrity, a busy Toronto travel agency, Klavir has witnessed the growing popularity of spa vacations and has been actively engaged in this particular market for more than 20 years. Together with her partner Renata Eisen, whom she met when they both worked for El Al Airlines back in the mid '60s, they opened Sheppard Travel in 1969 and have since acquired Celebrity Travel turning their agency into a highly professional venture, employing 10 agents.

The company's specialty is spas — North American for weight loss and fitness and European and Israeli spas which offer a return to the time-honored therapy of mineral rich Thermal springs and mud baths. "These spas are fantastic because they offer our clients relief from the symptoms of arthritis, rheumatism, upper respiratory ailments, skin disorders and more," says Eisen.

"Also, by booking a spa trip to Israel, Italy, Hungary, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia or any other European country, our clients get two vacations in one — the chance to relax and enjoy a little pampering combined with the exciting opportunity to sightsee, to explore charming little towns, visit historical sights, and to meet people from all over the world," says Eisen.

Eisen's personal favorite is Abano in Italy because she has a soft spot for all things Italian. She likes it for all the culture, history and wonderful museums in the area. Klavir is partial to the Moriah Dead Sea Spa "because it's in Israel, the air is so clean and clear and it makes you feel so healthy," she says.

Agency caters to seniors

Since July of '91, Bathurst Manor Plaza at Overbrook and Wilmington has been home to Manor Travel, a small mom-and-pop operation that caters specifically to seniors.

Owned by Jessica Roth, who has been in the travel business for 16 years, Manor Travel is an agency that specializes in bubbie and zayde vacations primarily to Florida and Israel.

"We are a real Jewish agency. Everyone speaks Yiddish, one agent speaks Hebrew and we have a very homey atmosphere where our customers like to just come in and schmooze," says Roth. "They bring us mandel broit, cakes and all kinds of goodies and many like to spend hours here just socializing," says Roth.

Roth's family-like agency is a result of the caring service that she and her five agents provide. They book flights, take care of insurance needs and look after their customers from the time they book a trip until they come home. "We never abandon anyone," she explains. "Our seniors view us as their own kids — it's like having a family member organizing their travel needs."

While seniors' travel is their specialty, Manor Travel is presently looking to expand their business to other areas. "We're hoping that our clients will send their kids and their grandparents to see us. That's how we plan to grow in other areas." explains Roth.

The agency is presently organizing a Last Fling of Summer cruise for young singles over the September long weekend. It will be a four-day trip from Miami to Nassau aboard the Fantasy — a Carnival Cruise Line. Cocktail parties and dances will be part of the itinerary in the hopes that young singles will find their perfect mate.

"The Last Fling of Summer will be like going to the Catskills but more upscale and much more romantic," says Roth. "And it's an easy trip to go on because it's only four days and won't require taking much time off work. And one never knows who they'll meet."

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Tips turn tedious tapes into interesting videos

TORONTO —

One of the most popular uses for camcorders is taping the family vacation. But have you ever noticed how painful it is to watch some of these videos, especially if they're from someone else's vacation?

"Many vacation videos can be real sleep inducers" says Barry Murray, product manager of Panasonic's video group. "If you're going to tape your vacation, you owe it to yourself and your friends to make it interesting."

Whether your travel plans include visiting the Grand Canyon or your grandmother, Murray offers the following tips:

• If your camcorder has a macro lens, videotape the route you plan to take on a map before you leave, then use these segments throughout the video. This way people will know instantly where you are in each segment. While travelling, videotape border signs or landmarks that were on the map. "This breaks up the monotony of kilometre after kilometre of grazing cattle and sheep." Murray says. If you're flying, tape the travel route plan in the airline magazine.

• When you arrive somewhere, tape an establishing, wide-angle shot, then go for close-ups. In some cases a particularly interesting or recognizable sign, such as the one at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, can substitute as your establishing shot.

• Keep narration to a minimum. Identify what it is you're looking at but don't describe it in excruciating detail. "The beauty of video is that everyone can see exactly what you're seeing." Murray says. After you return, you might wish to add narration, but this is best done with a script.

• Let your subjects do the talking. They are, after all, the subjects. Perfectly normal people frequently become extremely funny — intentionally or unintentionally — when the camcorder is on.

• Take your time. "People seeing things for the first time tend to shoot quickly, in two-second spurts," says Murray. "Take your time, pan slowly, and get everything." Count to yourself a minimum of 6-8 seconds per shot. If you're anticipating action, start taping before the action begins and stop after it ends. This will ensure you get all of what you want and give you flexibility to edit.

• If your camcorder has electronic image stabilization (EIS) or another image-steadying feature, use it. "Nothing makes a video more amateurish or annoying to watch than a constantly shaking picture." EIS is especially important as you zoom in closer on your subject. Every jitter becomes visible.

• Get yourself in the video. Show someone else how to use the camcorder. Years from now it will prove that you were there too.

One more tip: Don't keep the viewfinder glued to your eye. Murray says too many people believe if it's not on tape it never happened. Tape only the highlights of your trip, not every waking moment.

"Make sure you find time to have some fun. After all, it is your vacation."

Kiev museum houses Judaica

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

KIEV, Ukraine —

When Josef Stalin cracked down on Jewish life in the Soviet Union as part of his relentless effort to create an atheistic, Communist state, synagogues, schools and museums were summarily closed and stripped of their belongings.

Their vast, unannotated collections of Judaica, ranging from spice boxes to Torah breastplates, were expropriated by the Ministry of Interior.

Subsequently, some of the artifacts were transferred to Kiev's Museum of Historic Treasures, where, until quite recently, they gathered dust.

In 1991, after the Soviet Union collapsed and Ukraine attained its independence, the Museum of Historic Treasures finally allowed the public to view its heretofore hidden collection of Judaica.

And in the same year, it was exhibited in Finland.

Consisting of nearly 400 pieces, the collection inspires awe.

William Gross, a Judaica expert, has described it as "the greatest and most sophisticated in the world of Jewish ritual objects from Ukraine."

Tatyana Romanovskaya, a curator at the Museum of Historic Treasures, claims that the Jewish silver objects in the collection are unrivalled.

The pieces were originally taken from closed synagogues, but most important, from the Pan-Ukrainian Museum of Jewish Culture in Odessa, which was opened in 1917 and shut down by the authorities around 1933.

Unfortunately, the collection is kept in storage and can be viewed only by prior appointment. But Romanovskaya hopes the museum will eventually display it on a permanent basis.

Among the most striking items are a late 18th century Torah crown, a 19th century Torah pointer inlaid with ivory, a 19th century Chanukah lamp and an 18th century wash bowl.

Romanovskaya disclosed that the collection will travel to Colmar, France, in 1993 and to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem the following year.

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Organizations and People

15-year-old prodigy displays 'breathtaking' musical talents

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO —

To call Curtis Eisenberg a gifted teenager is an understatement. The 15-year-old's musical abilities and his breathtaking accomplishments put him well beyond the merely "gifted," into the rarefied category of child prodigy.

Not only has he been a member of the Canadian Children's Opera Chorus since the age of 9, and sung in five Canadian Opera Company (COC) productions, but he also plays an astonishing number of musical instruments. They include the baroque recorder, the piano, the flute, the harp, the trumpet, the clarinet, the bassoon, the violin and the viola.

Curtis, a boy soprano, recently sang the shepherd boy solo from the opera *Tosca* in front of more than 10,000 people at Maple Leaf Gardens, opening for the world-famous tenor Placido Domingo.

"I was quite nervous, but it would be unnatural if I weren't. As soon as I started singing I wasn't nervous anymore," he said.

The teenager has been chosen for the part of the shepherd boy in the COC's April production of *Tosca*, which means he will do the solo along with singing in the chorus. Later on in the spring he will appear as the head troll in *The Snow Queen*.

A Grade 11 student enrolled in the gifted program at Northern Secondary School, Curtis had a solo in COC's *La Boheme* and a major role as one of a trio of spirits in a COC production of *The Magic Flute*.

He appeared as the divine child in Canadian composer R. Murray Schafer's *The Black Theatre of Herme Trismegistos*, an avantgarde production staged at Toronto's Union Station last summer.

At the age of 4, he learned how to play the glockenspiel, and when Curtis was 6 he began playing the recorder. Then he took piano lessons for three years. However, in spite of his talent for mastering musical instruments, he wanted to stop playing piano. "I don't generally like playing musical instruments because I have to practice on my own, which I find intensely boring," he said.

Curtis ended up joining the Children's Opera Chorus at the age of 9 because his mother, artist Leigh Eisenberg, told him he would have to continue his piano lessons unless he joined a major choir.

The next year he sang in four COC productions, including Tchaikovsky's *Queen of Spades*, in which he played the part of a German boy. He juggled his studies — he was attending the Toronto French School — with a rigorous performance and rehearsal schedule.

"It was quite a load to do that and my [school]work," said Curtis. He added that his teachers made the year easier when they spent entire classes discussing opera with the students.

For his role as the divine child in *The Black Theatre of Herme Trismegistos*, he sang without a microphone while suspended 60 feet in the air above the floor of Union Station. He made his entrance, even in the rain, via the roof of the train station and a scaffold that was built for him to walk out on. Curtis especially relished the echoes his voice created in the historic building. "It was the most enthralling experience of my whole life," he says.

He thoroughly enjoys singing, especially opera, and radiates enthusiasm when he talks about it. "There's a big difference between opera singing and regular singing. When you're singing opera you're acting. It's quite a different experience, its quite amazing."

As a rule Curtis practices with the Children's Opera Chorus twice a week and sometimes three times a week. A new production requires three or four weeks of rehearsal time. When Curtis got the role of a spirit in *The Magic Flute*, he took extra voice workshops with the chorus. From September to December, he also takes an hour of drama each week.

He tends not to sing by himself unless he uses his computer. Called a computer whiz by his mother, Curtis painstakingly puts music into his computer by clicking in each note with a mouse, then he plays it back and sings along.

Sometimes he practices with his father George "Bud" Eisenberg, a chartered accountant. The family still owns George Eisenberg's bar mitzvah recording, made for an uncle who was unable to attend the ceremony. "It turned out my father had a beautiful soprano voice," says Curtis. "That's where he and my grandfather said I got my voice." He added that his grandfather was a gifted soprano in his youth.

At Curtis' bar mitzvah at the Holy Blossom Temple his voice made such a strong impression that he was asked to return to chant from the Torah on the High Holidays.

Before joining the Children's Opera Chorus, Curtis says he sang "for the fun of it." While in Grade 3 at the Toronto French School, he, along with his high-school-age sister Cara, joined the high school choir. In grades 4 and 5 he starred in school productions of the musicals *Pinocchio* and *Hiawatha*.

Leigh Eisenberg recalls that even as a 2-year-old Curtis showed signs of having an extraordinary voice. "He is the only child I know who used to sing nursery rhymes in key," she said.

Curtis, with his good ear, was aware that his mother has an unmusical voice. Joking about her voice, Leigh Eisenberg says she was the only student at Forest Hill Collegiate who was turned down after trying out for the glee club. At bedtime she used to sing to her four children, Curtis, his younger brother Kevin, and his two older sisters, Kimberley and Cara. Sometimes Curtis would ask, "Please, can we just have quiet time?"

Today, in spite of his busy schedule, which includes religious school as well as rehearsals and high school, Curtis still manages to find time for a part-time job. He works one evening a week at a local bowling alley. "I'm making my own money, so I don't have to get money from my mum," he said. His work with the Children's Opera Chorus is unpaid, except when he has a major solo.

In the future, Curtis wants to be either a software designer or a systems analyst. "I'd like to continue singing — but as a hobby," he says.

Curtis Eisenberg and Placido Domingo backstage in Domingo's dressing room mid-concert at Maple Leaf Gardens.

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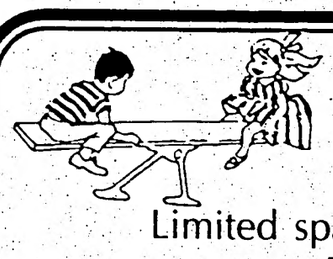

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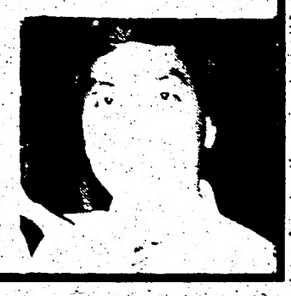

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Karen-Lise Mynster and Erland Josephson in Sofie.

Ullmann excels in directorial debut

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In *Sofie*, Liv Ullmann — the internationally renowned actress — makes an astonishing debut as a director.

Sofie, adapted from *Mendel Philipsen & Son*, the 1932 novel by Henri Nathansen, turns on the frustrated romantic yearnings of a Danish Jewish woman who's incapable of defying the constrictive conventions of her hidebound middle-class upbringing.

Although slightly longish, *Sofie* is a beautiful film of uncommon dignity. At the very least, Ullmann can take part of the credit for its success. Her direction is strong, fluid, sensitive, unobtrusive.

Now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *Sofie* unfolds in late 19th century and early 20th century Denmark. The central character, Sofie (Karen-Lise Mynster), lives at home with her loving parents, the merchant Semmy (Erland Josephson) and his doting wife, Frederikke (Ghita Norby). Sofie is 29, unmarried and fears that life is passing her by. Though not classically pretty, she is certainly attractive, especially when she smiles demurely.

At a party, Sofie meets a respected painter named Hans Hojby (Jesper Christensen). The chemistry is just right, and the pair are immediately drawn to each other.

Hojby, a Christian, is intrigued by Jewish culture, which, he muses, is both "strange and alluring." Hojby convinces Sofie's initially reluctant parents to pose for a painting that will embody the spirit of Jewish family tradition. Sofie is so impressed with the finished product that she bursts into joyful tears.

But Sofie, who's clearly in love with Hojby, can't follow the dictates of her heart. Being a dutiful daughter, she defers to her parents' view that she should wed a fellow Jew. Indeed, she marries her colorless cousin, Jonas (Torben Zeller), a smalltown merchant with whom she has a son.

Sofie lives through Aron, her son. Jonas, though well-meaning and kind, is emotionally dull. She feels "fenced in," trapped by her routine. Jonas' unhappily-married brother, Gottlieb (Stig Hoffmeyer), tries to have an affair with Sofie.

As befits a period film, *Sofie* pays close attention to detail. The costumes and sets are excellent: a traditional Sabbath meal, as well as a solemn bar mitzvah scene in a synagogue, are rendered with care and look absolutely authentic.

Sofie unfolds against an undercurrent of anti-Semitism. One day, for example, Aron asks his mother, "What's a Jew-pig?" Anti-Semitism in Denmark is not a major problem, but it obviously exists, and Ullmann does not sweep it under the rug.

This is an admirably-acted film. Karen-Lise Mynster is amazing as the submissive, dreamy-eyed Sofie. Erland Josephson and Ghita Norby epitomize the stolid, bourgeois values of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, while Torben Zeller encapsulates Jonas' social awkwardness.

In an age when far too many mainstream films glorify gratuitous sex and violence, *Sofie* is gratifyingly different. It is literate, serious, involving and, best of all, exceedingly well-crafted. And, it should be added, Ullmann has made the difficult transition from acting to directing effortlessly.

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All three films will be screened at Jackman Hall, in the Art Gallery of Ontario (317 Dundas St. W.) The films will have English subtitles and are restricted to those 18 and over.

The first, *Get Thee Out*, a 1991 Russian release, is a powerful look at the plight of a Jewish family in turn-of-the-century Russia. Set in a quiet village, the film is about Motl, a hardworking Jew who becomes the target of anti-Semitism when a racial incident unleashes hatred among the townsfolk. It begins at 1:30 p.m.

Following at 3:30 is the 1943 French film *Le Corbeau* (The Raven). Based on an actual incident, this is the gripping tale of a provincial village drawn into a frenzy of accusations and recriminations by a series of anonymous poison pen letters.

Although its message is that evil can exist in any heart, the Nazis used the film as anti-French propaganda to illustrate the "degeneracy" of French provincial life. After World War II, French military censors banned The Raven.

At 5:30, a new print of Louis Malle's 1974 film *Lacombe, Lucien* will be screened. The Oscar-winning film concerns a young peasant who, rejected by the French resistance, joins the Nazis. Soon an expert in hunting down and torturing people for the Gestapo, he falls in love with a Jewish woman.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

Nine Gates to the Chassidic Mysteries, by Jiri Langer (Jason Aronson $30 U.S.): Souls On Fire, by Elie Wiesel (Jason Aronson $30 U.S.).

Chassidism is very much in the news these days. Who hasn't heard of the Lubavitchers? Headquartered in Brooklyn, New York, their rebbe, the aged Menachem Mendel Schneerson, has captured the world's attention. The Rebbe is widely admired as a pious man and viewed by some of his more imaginative disciples as the long awaited Messiah.

But there are numerous other chassidic dynasties in Europe, Israel and North America. Most of them trace their origin back to the Baal Shem Tov, the 18th century, charismatic founder of the movement.

Most of the Jews of 18th century Poland were unlearned and ignorant by rabbinic standards. It was to these spiritually hungry Jews that the Besht, famed for his ecstatic prayer and as a healer, brought the message of "serving God with joy" assuring the ordinary Jew that mystical communion with God was within his reach. The Besht taught by word of mouth and by personal influence; he wrote no books.

At its core, Chassidism was a mystical movement that stressed the quality of inwardness — both in life and in learning. The chassidic teachers drew much of their inspiration from the Kabbalah. Mystical doctrines which formerly had been reserved to a spiritual "elite" were now offered to the masses.

Unfortunately, the early strength and spirituality of the movement suffered as later tzaddikim (holy men), whose sole claim to the position was their descent from the early masters, proved inadequate.

The firm of Jason Aronson is to be commended for reprinting these two classic works about Chassidism. Langer's book first appeared over fifty years ago; Wiesel's book is based on a series of lectures he delivered two decades ago at the celebrated 92nd Street Y in New York.

In 1913, when he was 19, Langer, a Czech from a secular Jewish family, journeyed into the heart of Eastern Europe, determined to immerse himself in Chassidism. In Belz, a small town, almost untouched by modernity, he experienced the power and spirit of chassidic thought and practice at first hand. *Nine Gates to the Chassidic Mysteries* weaves a colorful tapestry from the stories and lore he acquired — together with his own observations and commentary. What emerges is a valuable, unfailingly absorbing depiction of chassidic culture between the wars. Patient, impressed, yet gently sceptical, the author stresses the simplicity and purity of spirit he found and never forgot.

Wiesel has chosen to relate the chassidic story through its major teachers and personalities. It is filled with tales, legends and anecdotes — as well as keen biographical sketches and deeply-felt personal reflections. *Souls on Fire* captures the inner world of a unique movement and its relevance to our own times.

Chassidism was the response of a large portion of Jewry about two centuries ago to singular challenges and burdens. Questions abound. Can the outlook, concerns — and even garb — of a bygone era speak to us? Is modern Chassidism doomed to extinction, a faint echo of a once rich and authentic tradition? Can the fierce piety and otherworldly emphasis of Chassidism provide realistic answers to the problems of our own strife-torn and fragmented society?

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Life and death coexist uneasily and uproariously in Bill Duke's sparkling comedy, *The Cemetery Club*.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *The Cemetery Club* is one of the best comedies in recent years. It's an empathetic, robust film of how three American Jewish women in their middle to late fifties cope with the sudden, somewhat untimely deaths of their spouses.

The widows in question, Esther (Ellen Burstyn), Lucille (Diane Ladd) and Doris (Olympia Dukakis), are ill-prepared for their new lives. To varying degrees of success, they grapple with their grief and their loneliness.

It might, at first glance, seem that this is definitely not a subject of mirth. Should we be chuckling about someone else's bereavement?

Not to worry. It's handled not only with good taste, but with sensitivity and elan.

Depending on the circumstances, *The Cemetery Club* is deadly serious and utterly amusing. It doesn't stumble, not once. This is a movie that doesn't miss a beat.

The lead actresses work together seamlessly, portraying middle-of-the-road, upper middle-class American Jews.

Burstyn is a shy, demure widow who overcomes her reluctance and goes on her first date in 39 years. Her suitor is widower Ben Katz (Danny Aiello), a cop-turned-taxi driver who fears emotional entanglements. Dukakis, with fond memories of her dearly departed one, retreats into herself, while Ladd, in a show of bravado, attempts to prove that her best years still lie ahead.

Lainie Kazan, statuesque and buxom, plays Selma, a gold digger who specializes in marrying wealthy men beyond their prime. As befits her role, Kazan is loud and brassy, an arresting and often unforgettable presence who brightens up the proceedings.

Far from lagging, *The Cemetery Club* is at times even brilliant. A hotel room scene, in which Burstyn and Aiello fumble for a condom in the dark, is priceless. Selma's second wedding ceremony, which unfolds against the backdrop of a kosher Italian banquet, is a parody of kitsch.

Apart from the stellar performances, the strongest element of *The Cemetery Club* is the dialogue. In general, it sizzles, with just the right Jewish nuances.

Barbara Barsky will be among two talented actresses joining the cast of *Chutzpah a go-go*.

Barksy recently received a Dora nomination for her starring role in last year's hit musical *Closer Than Ever*. Charlotte Moore, a Dora award winner for best actress in a musical will also be joining the cast. Moore is currently starring as Fantine in *Les Miserables*.

Chutzpah a go-go, the new two-act production will have a limited engagement from March 17 to April 3 at the Canadian Stage - Berkeley Street Theatre. Opening night will be March 19 at 8 p.m.

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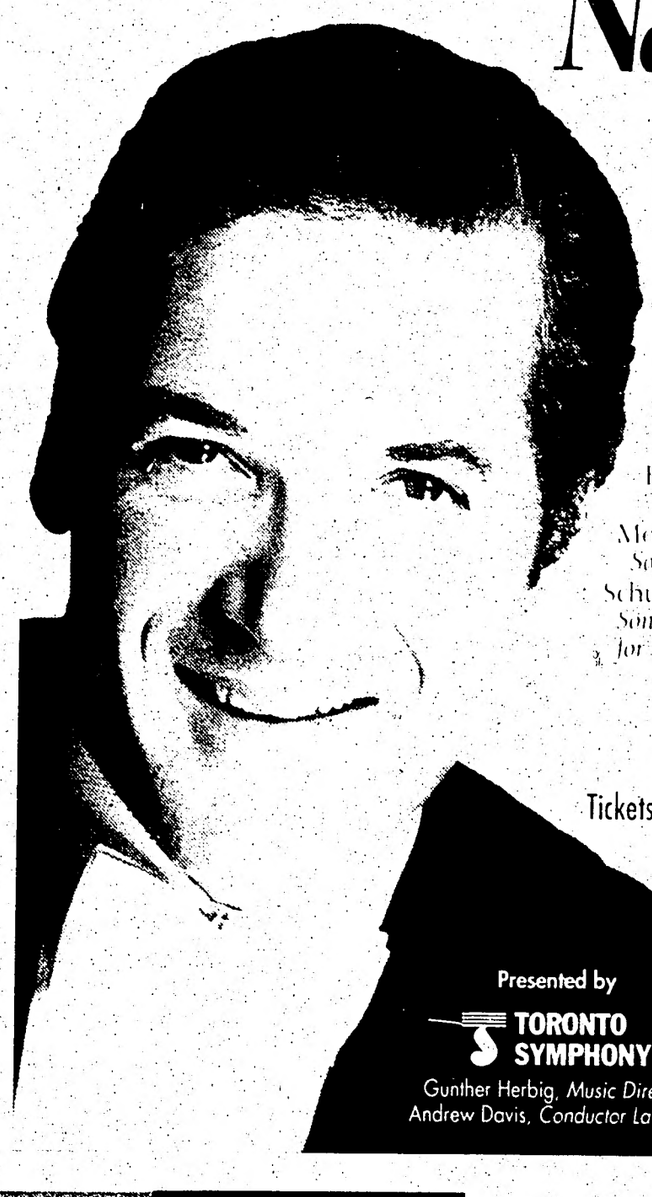
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According to government statistics, only 29 percent of the workforce contributes to an RRSP on a regular basis and the average investment is only about $3,000 per year. At the same time, most Canadians think they will be able to retire before age 65 — and a recent survey showed almost 80 percent of Canadians think their standard of living in retirement will be better than it is today.

"Unfortunately, many people are fooling themselves if they think that they can make do without a retirement savings program right now," said Neil Jamison of Richardson Greenshields, Oakville. "The sad truth is that those who aren't contributing today are also missing out on tax savings in the short term and on a more comfortable retirement in the long term."

Government statistics also show that 43 percent of Canadians over 65 years of age are now living at subsistence levels.

"RRSP investing is the right thing to do if you're a working age Canadian," said Todd Rankin of Balanced Planning, Ottawa. "Not only can you generate immediate tax savings, which often reduce the true cost of your contribution by up to 50 percent, you can also gain over the long term by building a retirement fund that can largely outpace rising living costs."

Many financial planners say that you should aim high when making your RRSP contribution. How high depends on your lifestyle goals at retirement and the rate of inflation. Inflation isn't a prime concern right now but historically, it's averaged about 5 percent per year and it may well reach that level again in the future.

"It may seem large, but I tell many of my clients to build a retirement fund of one million dollars," said Russ Isaac, President of Great Pacific, Vancouver. "If you figure you'll need $40,000 a year to live on at retirement and your retirement is 25 years off, that $40,000 will translate into about $135,000 a year in the future — assuming inflation runs at five percent annually."

As another example, today's $20,000 must grow to $67,727 in 25 years to stay even. The table at left illustrates how much your present income must grow just to stay even with five percent inflation.

"It's important to set financial goals now and stick to them over the long term," said Isaac. "The best place to start is with an RRSP. Unfortunately, many people are ignoring this advice — and the consequences could be devastating."

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Tax laws affect RRSP limits

Canadians are receiving some extra tax incentives this year to create wealth for retirement.

Thanks to changes to federal income tax laws, most taxpayers are now able to contribute up to 18 percent of earned income — to a dollar minimum of $12,500 (minus a pension adjustment, the amount contributed to your pension plan by you or your employer) — to a Registered Retirement Savings Plan for both the 1992 and 1993 tax years.

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Many Canadians are also electing to invest their RRSPs in global markets thanks to higher limits on foreign content tax laws. These changes allow you to invest up to 18 percent of the book value of your RRSP outside of Canada in certain qualifying investments.

As a result of these changes, this is expected to be one of the busiest RRSP "seasons" on record — particularly for mutual funds, which give additional RRSP flexibility and safety through diversification.

As one of Canada's leading mutual fund managers, Mackenzie Financial Corporation believes today's increased limits won't be the only reason for the new flow of contributions.

"Many Canadians are looking for a means to shelter their income from ever-increasing taxation," said James F. O'Donnell, Mackenzie president. "They know that an RRSP is one of the few tax breaks available. They frequently see real-life examples of Canadians living below the poverty line — Canadians without RRSPs who depend upon government and old age security for retirement income."

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- All RRSP contributions are based on your previous year's earned income.
- You have up until March 1, 1993 to make your 1992 RRSP contribution.
- An over-contribution "escape hatch" is in effect, which means you are allowed to over-contribute $8,000 to your RRSP without penalty. But if you exceed $8,000 during your working years, you'll have to pay a fine of one percent per month on the excess amount.
- Ontario has followed Quebec's lead and introduced a Life Income Fund, which allows you to access previously frozen pension assets inside "locked-in" RRSPs after age 55.

Spousal plan offers advantages

By FRANK SOAVE

If you're married, you should definitely consider the long and short-term tax benefits of contributing to a spousal RRSP.

The rationale for a spousal RRSP is simple: an investor's marginal tax rate increases with income. So a couple with one member earning the majority of the family income pays more tax than if the income was split equally between both partners.

Spousal RRSPs allow you to split some of that income so that less tax is paid, in total, at retirement. Employing this strategy also offers a shorter-term benefit: the higher income-earning spouse gets to deduct the RRSP contribution made to his or her spouse's RRSP.

Here's an example of how spousal RRSP's work.

Suppose Carol earns more than her spouse Barry. Carol simply contributes money to Barry's RRSP, using her own contribution "room" to do so. Carol gets the immediate tax deduction for doing so, not Barry, thereby reducing her (higher) tax level. That's the short-term benefit. Then the investment compounds in Barry's name for retirement.

At retirement, both Carol and Barry may have RRSPs of roughly equal value to draw on. By creating two income streams, Barry and Carol will pay less tax during retirement, because, as a couple, their combined income may be subject to lower marginal tax rates.

This strategy can also help Carol avoid costly Revenue Canada clawbacks of Canada Pension Fund benefits (which apply if your income in retirement is above a certain level).

These are two important reasons to say "I Do" to spousal RRSPs. There is another. As long as Barry keeps Carol's investment inside his RRSP for at least three years, the money will be taxed in his name if it's withdrawn. Suppose Barry decides he wants to quit work five years from now and go back to school. He can withdraw the funds and be taxed at his lower rate. So this strategy works again.

The only point to remember is that you must not withdraw the funds contributed by your spouse to your RRSP until three years after the money goes in. If Carol and Barry don't abide by this rule, Revenue Canada will tax the original investment and all growth in Carol's hands, which will result in a larger tax bill for her than what Barry's would be.

The choice of where to invest your spousal RRSP should be made in consultation with an independent investment fund dealer or stockbroker. But the same fundamental investment rules apply as with all other RRSPs. Strive for diversification of your assets and select a money manager with a long-term record of performance. Mutual funds are very suitable for couples choosing to take advantage of spousal RRSPs.

If used properly, spousal RRSPs can be a perfect match for you and your spouse. They allow you to achieve effective income splitting, which will minimize your combined taxes and free up more of your investment rewards for you.

(Frank Soave is an investment planner with Fortune Financial of Toronto.)

Many approaches to help establish senior's nest egg

- Don't wait until the end of February to make your contribution for the 1992 tax year. Start as early as possible. Now is also a good time to start contributing to your RRSP.
- Contribute as much as you are allowed — this means 18 percent of your previous year's earned income, less pension adjustment to a maximum of $12,500. The more you contribute today, the bigger your pool of retirement capital will be tomorrow.
- Make up for any lost ground by using the "carry forward" rule to "top up" your RRSP by making contributions missed in years gone by. You can carry forward any unused contribution for up to seven years — starting with unused contributions since 1991.
- Choose a mix of income or income and equity funds to achieve better "balance" of your retirement nest egg. Make sure you diversify your investments — the easiest way is through a mutual fund RRSP.
- Say "I do" to spousal RRSPs which can help to minimize taxes by splitting income. Spousal RRSPs allow the highest wage earner in the family to contribute to the spouse's RRSP. The result is tax savings now — and at retirement.

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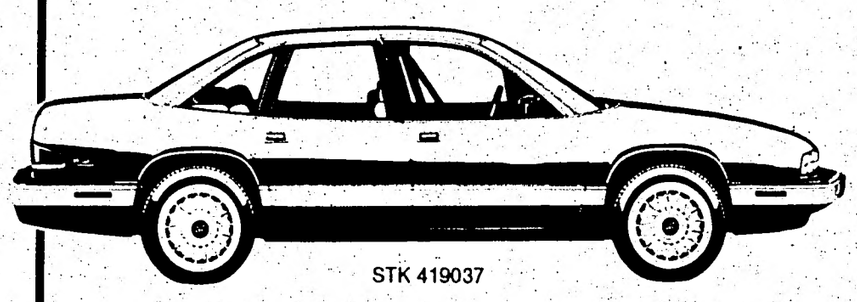

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Economic News From Israel

Wall Street to Israel

TEL AVIV — Israel's Bank Hapoalim has announced a new savings scheme linked to results of the Wall Street stock market.

This innovative plan permits Israelis to tie their shekel savings in with the dollar value of Standard & Poors' 500 leading shares. It is based on full linkage to the dollar plus the rate of increase in New York of these 500 stocks for a five-year period, with all profits free of Israeli taxes.

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Israel's credit rating improved

NEW YORK — Standard and Poor's Ratings Group, the world's largest credit rating agency, has raised its rating on Israel's senior long-term foreign currency debt from triple "B" minus, the lowest rating on its investment scale, to triple "B."

S&P has also raised the government's implied foreign currency short-term rating from "A-3," the lowest short-term grading, to "A-2." The outlook on the rating is "stable."

The rating jump, which means that Israel should be able to borrow money at more favorable terms, was characterized by an S&P spokesman as "a very significant move."

S&P announced the upgrade is based on "Israel's improved geopolitical situation, progress with ongoing economic reforms and strengthened external financial flexibility."

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Manufacturers to India

JERUSALEM — An Israeli Manufacturers Association delegation is to visit India in March to discuss setting up joint ventures.

The trip follows a visit to Israel by the Confederation of Indian Industry last September.

Israel has offered joint ventures in telecommunications equipment, medical instruments, robotics, computer graphics, industrial lasers, printed circuit board inspection equipment and precision tools, solar energy, and low-energy power stations.

Israel will also be participating for the first time in the international engineering trade fair to be held in New Delhi next month.

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Detecting drugs, explosives

JERUSALEM — Spray on tests, developed and marketed by Erez Forensic Technologies Ltd. here, can provide almost instantaneous information on the presence or recent handling of narcotics and of certain explosives. Inexpensive and easy to use, these tests require neither extensive training, nor special laboratories.

The procedure is an extremely simple one: any surface believed to have been in contact with one of the suspect substances is wiped with a special laminated paper, on which the relevant testing material is then sprayed. A telltale color change takes place when the suspicions were justified.

Erez' "Cannabispray" turns the test paper brown to indicate either hashish or marijuana; the "Cocatest" results in a turquoise surface, if it detects cocaine or crack; "Herosol" indicates traces of heroin by coloring the test paper purple. "Expray" brings out a bright pink blush, to show recent contact with explosives.

Hyundai contract

JERUSALEM — Hyundai Heavy Industries, a subsidiary of Hyundai, one of South Korea's largest companies, has won a contract worth $60 million to build part of Dead Sea Works' new power station at Sodom.

The contract was approved by the Dead Sea Works' board of directors during its last meeting.

Hyundai's selection came following an international tender in which nine other American, European and Far Eastern companies competed.

The total value of the power station project, which will produce electricity and diesel steam, is expected to be about $110 million.

The decision to build the station follows expansion of the company's activities at Sodom, particularly increased production of magnesium salt and the subsequent rise in electricity demand.

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Wheelchair independence

GIVAT BRENNER — An innovative remote control system — the MB-71 — has been developed by Gavish in this kibbutz south of Rehovot. It will enhance the independence and mobility of wheelchair users, who use modified panel trucks and similar vehicles as their personal means of transportation.

Such vehicles are equipped with an elevator platform, which moves to extend beyond its opened doors in order to lower the occupied wheelchair to the ground, and to raise it again when travel is to be resumed.

The new MB-71 leaves full control of those functions in the wheelchair user's hands. A compact and portable pushbutton console allows him to open and close the vehicle doors, and to control all movements — horizontal, as well as vertical — of the elevator platform.

Safety devices incorporated in the MB-71 will prevent its unsafe use, whether intentional or accidental. Thus the doors cannot be opened and the elevator cannot be operated while the vehicle is in motion, and the car's transmission cannot be shifted out of the parking mode before the doors and elevator have been secured.

The same system also provides for the bushbutton control of the vehicle's automatic gearshift. Many disabled drivers find it difficult to reach the vehicle's original shift lever; now the new remote control unit, which can be placed wherever convenient, overcomes that problem.

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Computer protection

HAIFA — An easy to use software package from Carmel Software Ltd. here will provide extensive protection for the data in a personal computer. Many PCs hold a significant volume of sensitive information, but are wide open to unauthorized inspection and tampering.

The new "Carmel Infolock" places a number of vital security functions at the user's fingertips. He can install password protection for his hard disk, and deny access to floppy disk files, both for reading and writing.

Data files and programs in selected directories — whether on the hard disk, on floppies, or in networks — can be encrypted on-line but that encryption is completely transported during authorized use of the file. The system supports DOS multitasking environments — Microsoft Windows 3.0, 3.1 DesqView, etc. — and networks, such as Novell and Lantastic. As an additional benefit, the package provides anti-virus protection.

An optional hardware key is available, where security needs are greater than usual. At the same time, the program comes with an emergency diskette, from which a forgotten keyword can be recovered.

Hollywood East in Jerusalem?

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

More movies were produced last year at the recently opened Globus Group Film Studios on the outskirts of Jerusalem than at the veteran Universal and MGM studios in Hollywood. Even so, it has yet to be seen whether the $40 million invested in the new, ultramodern facilities by Israeli American magnate Yoram Globus will pay off.

Omri Maron, executive in charge of production at the GG Studios, is both enthusiastic and optimistic, pointing out that there are sound economic reasons for overseas producers to make films here. "Not only does the country offer them 300 days a year of 'good shooting weather' and an abundance of varied locations in a compact area, but now, with our setup, they have access to the most sophisticated production facilities this side of Hollywood."

There hasn't yet been a stampede to GG, but among the foreign films made there over the last year were *The Mummy* (with Tony Curtis), *Cold to the Touch* (with Chuck Norris), *Nightmare* (with Robert England) and *Desperate Rescue* (with Mariel Hemingway). Also using the huge sound stages at the Jerusalem-area studios were many Israeli and foreign TV companies. One of the latter, from Germany, had a crew here for a full six months doing a series on the Bible.

Some potential customers went to other countries, but March adds, "many later regretted their decision." He cites the case of a big Hollywood moviemaker who, after scouting out Israel for three weeks, finally opted for Morocco. He later told Maron that it cost him $5 million. More than it would have had he accepted the GG package.

Globus can offer highly competitive prices because it has a complete array of in-house production facilities and technical personnel who work faster and cost less than their counterparts in the United States or Europe. The only thing holding us back, says Maron, "is the geopolitical situation. A couple of frightening reports on CNN and we have lost a customer."

Until its studios are working at full capacity, the Globus Group is balancing its budget through a series of other activities. For example, it operates some 50 multiscreen theatres (including their highly profitable popcorn concessions); distributes almost all foreign films in Israel, provides catering facilities for movie production units and transmits telecasts from the Middle East to other parts of the world.

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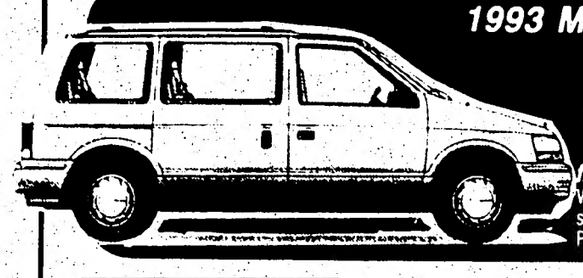
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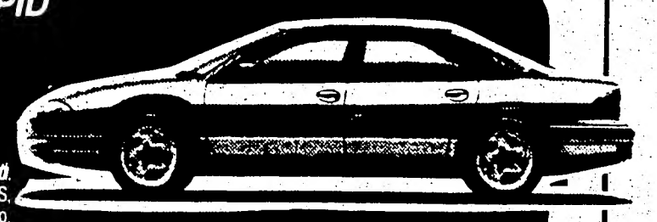
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Retirement years require some planning

By ROBIN SMITH

One of the gravest errors you can make is to invest your RRSP funds without considering the number of working years you have left before retiring.

Your age can help you determine how to best achieve your financial goals. Consider the case of John Smith and Jane Doe, fictitious investors whose predicaments are nonetheless very real.

John is a 48-year-old teacher earning $50,000 a year. He wants to retire when he's 65 but isn't sure how much money he'll need to support his lifestyle in retirement and he isn't sure where to invest his life savings of $100,000.

On the other hand, Jane Doe is a single 25-year-old electrical engineer earning $40,000 a year. She doesn't plan to retire until she's 65, so she's not sure she needs to bother with an RRSP. Let's look at these two stories in isolation.

First, John should take into account that he will probably need about 70 percent of his annual salary to live on in retirement. In other words, to support his current lifestyle, his annual expenses at retirement will probably amount to about $35,000 a year. This "70 percent factor is based on studies which show your living expenses actually decline by 30 percent when you retire. (However, if you wish to travel, or pick up some hobbies, you may not wish to take this decline in expenses into account.) Assuming John will live 20 years beyond retirement, he'll need $700,000 in today's dollars in a lump sum. That's his goal. Now, how he achieves that goal is partly based on his age.

If he's 48, chances are he's paid off a large part of his home mortgage and he's relatively debt free. That means he can save and invest a large portion of his annual salary to build retirement capital. I'd suggest he set his sights on saving $15,000 annually. As much as possible of this amount should be in an RRSP, which will help him build a nest egg faster because of tax-free compounding.

John has to invest a significant sum due to the short time span (17 years). Assuming he saves $15,000 annually at a 12 percent rate of return, he can look forward to living the lifestyle he's become accustomed to.

Jane, on the other hand, would be foolish to ignore her retirement needs, even though she's so far away from retiring. There are several reasons. First, she has not yet entered the housing market and is relatively debt free. That means she has the capital to invest. Second, in comparison to John, she only needs to invest a small amount of money each year to generate a large lump sum for retirement.

For example, if Jane invests $2,000 a year for the next 40 years in an RRSP and earns an annual average rate of return of 12 percent in that RRSP, she will have built up a retirement nest egg worth $1.5 million when she turns 65. That sounds incredible, but remember, Jane has to worry a little bit more about inflation than John because inflation will have a much greater opportunity to eat away at her savings.

At the same time, if she utilizes her advantage of more years of tax-free growth, the rewards can be tremendous. An RRSP can't compensate for not making full use of your available time for compound growth.

In my opinion, Jane should consider setting her financial goals as high as possible. A $2,000 a year RRSP contribution is totally painless for Jane. Even a $3,000 contribution might not affect her lifestyle.

Of course, once Jane and John have established their investment goals, they need to consider where to invest the money. It's common to hear advice being given to young people that says put all your money in to aggressive investments. Similarly, "fortysomething" investors are often told to be very conservative.

The answer, in my opinion, is to make balanced investment decisions, no matter what your age or investment objectives. This means, if your age and investment objectives indicate you should be conservative, don't put all of your money into one single investment — diversify to reduce your risks and improve your returns. The same goes for aggressive investors. Spread the risk around.

The ideal choice for investors of all ages is mutual funds, which can offer instant diversification of your assets. Depending on the fund, your money will be invested in a selection of high performing bonds or perhaps in stocks or in a combination of both.

Your age and investment goals will help determine what a balanced investment portfolio means for you. I also highly recommend asking for independent advice when it comes time to actually choosing your RRSP investment. This would certainly be good advice for Jane and John.

(Robin Smith is a vice president and financial advisor with Midland Walwyn in Thunder Bay.)

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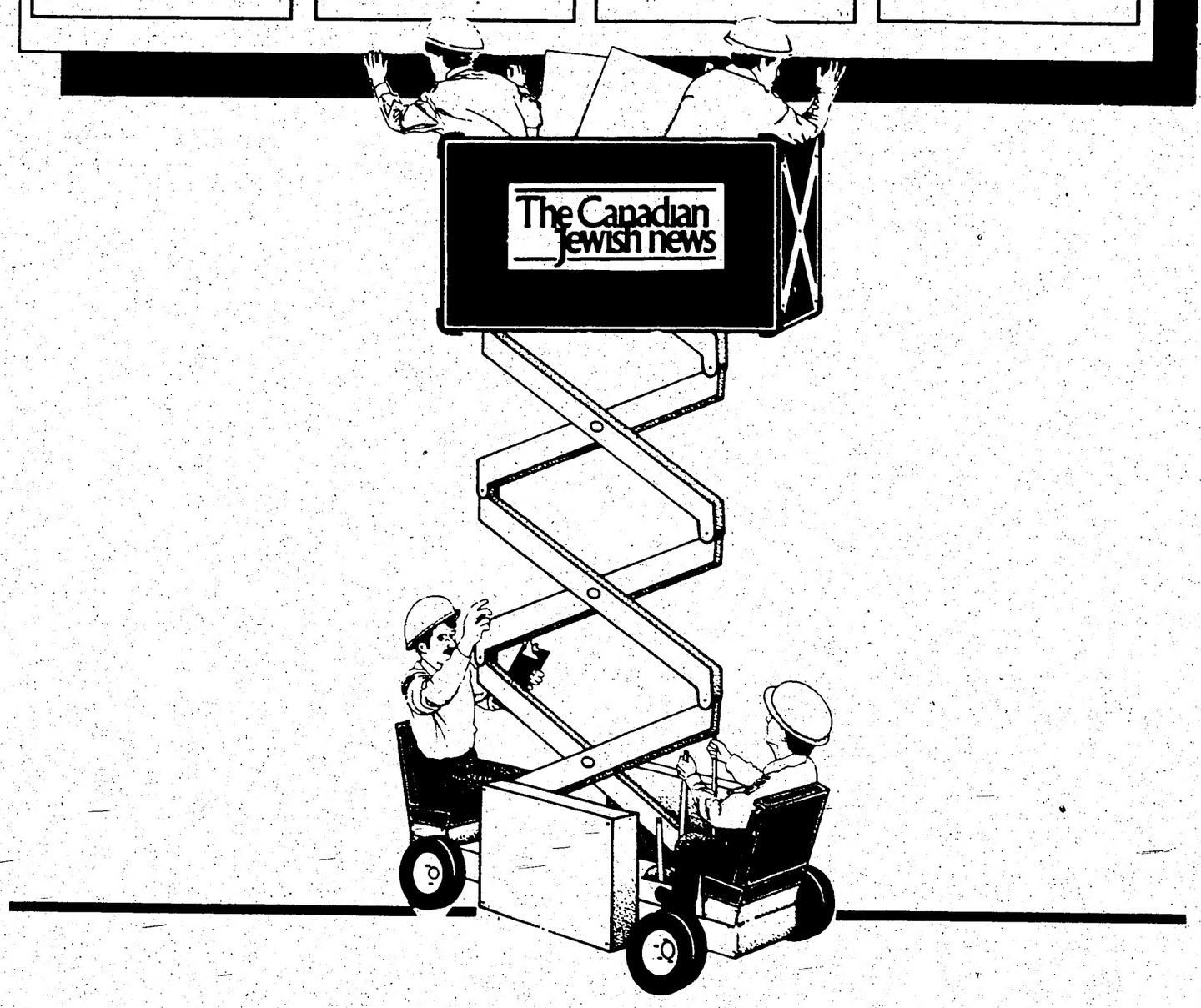

RRSPs help shelter income from taxman

Just when you thought that tax rates couldn't go any higher, governments in Canada may be plotting new ways to cover the rising costs of services and social programs.

"It's no secret that municipal, provincial and federal deficits continue to grow and the only way government can pay for these expenditures is to raise taxes or sell off assets," said William Raycroft of Balanced Planning, Peterborough. "There's a limit to what assets they can prudently sell off and there's a limit to how far they can trim their expenditures without alienating a major segment of the electorate. The way out will likely be to continue to raise taxes."

The GST, the PST, and income taxes now eat up a large portion of personal income.

"When you stop and think about it, the average Canadian is paying out more than 50 cents on every dollar in tax," said Raycroft. "We may get a break in the next federal budget, which will come before an election; but over the long term, look for more increases."

Strategies help to save you money

With high tax rates and perhaps going higher, Joanne Bourcier of Investpro, Montreal, says it puts greater importance on the use of tax shelters like the RRSP. "The RRSP is the great equalizer in the fight against rising taxes," Bourcier said. "If you're not using one, you're missing the boat."

RRSPs were created in 1957 by the federal government and allow you to shield your money — and the returns you earn on it — from tax for the future.

"If your marginal tax rate is around 40 percent, meaning your taxable income was $32,000, you can receive $400 back from the taxman for every $1,000 you contribute to an RRSP," said Chris Tidd of Odlum Brown, Vancouver.

"It's simply more effective to save your money inside an RRSP than in an unsheltered investment."

"The greatest advantage of RRSPs is that they protect income and growth from taxation for the lifetime of the investment," said Paul Moore of Equion Securities Canada, Brantford. "RRSPs, however, aren't the only way to save taxes. Investors should also look at dividend-paying stocks of Canadian companies, which qualify for the dividend tax credit. And don't forget the government is still allowing lifetime capital gains exemption of $100,000."

Registered Educational Savings Plans also help to minimize taxes, as do charitable donations.

In general, if you invest outside an RRSP, investment vehicles that generate capital gains or dividend income have lower tax liabilities than vehicles providing straight interest income.

"All of these tax strategies are important but all should be used in conjunction with an RRSP," said Moore.

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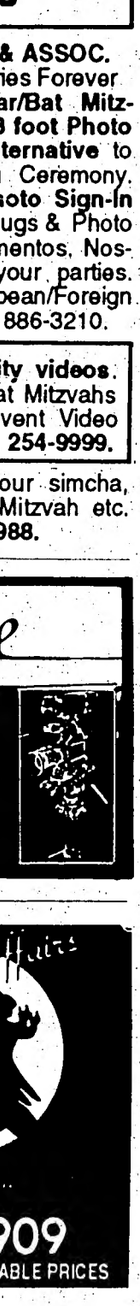

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Ukraine ready for tourists

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
KIEV, Ukraine —

Independent Ukraine is eager, though not entirely ready, for overseas tourists.

Beset by soaring inflation and falling production, the ailing Ukrainian economy is desperate for hard Western currency.

Travellers, however, should lower their expectations when in Ukraine, a country making the painful transition fom communism to capitalism.

The best hotels are anything but luxurious. There are lamentably few decent restaurants (kosher restaurants are nonexistent) and virtually no cafes.

But there are pluses.

The sights in this former Soviet republic can be alluring.

Kiev, the capital, is a reasonably attractive city nestled in the hills on both sides of the placid Dneiper River.

The chief attraction is the Pecherskaya Lavra, a walled complex of exquisite onion-domed Ukrainian Orthodox churches and caves containing the tombs of long-deceased monks.

Visitors who venture into the caves are required to purchase candles rather than admission tickets. Clutching a flickering candle, you descend a dark, winding stairway which resounds to the spiritual chanting of monks. The icons shimmer in the half light. The caskets cast an eerie glow. In all, the tour is an experience.

St. Sophie's Cathedral is also worth visiting — not only for the startling beauty of its golden domes, but for its medieval frescoes.

Kiev's oldest functioning synagogue is housed in a brown-and-white mid-19th century building in the Podol district. It's open to visitors.

The former czar's palace, a magnificent pastel structure, has been converted into a government guest house. The adjacent Ukrainian parliament, with its six-columned portico and great glass dome, is nothing if not distinctive.

Andreyevsky Uzviz, a steep cobble-stone street of handicraft shops and itinerant artists, is picturesque.

Kiev's chief thoroughfare, Kreshatik, is lined with shops, but their shelves invariably yield little of interest. Kiev's subway system, with its incredibly long escalators, is modern, clean and efficient.

Two hours by car from Kiev, Peryaslav-Khmelnitsky has the distinction of having the only Sholom Aleichem Museum in the old Soviet Union. It's modest but intriguing.

In Lviv — a Polish city between World War I and World War II — head for the Old Town.

Its Renaissance buildings, in hues of cream, pale green and pink, are an esthetic delight, while its Italianate courtyards inspire a sense of splendid solitude.

Odessa, pretty but down-at-the-heels, exudes a vaguely Mediterranean ambience. By plane, Turkey is just hours away.

The so-called black market, best visited on Sundays, is a fascinating example of entry-level capitalism. It is packed with thousands of curious buyers seeking Western consumer goods, more often than not displayed neatly on the ground.

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